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Shell Creek and Prairie Creek Watersheds Management Plan Performance Monitoring Summary

Purpose of Document

The purpose of this document is to provide the third bi-annual summary of performance monitoring results which are directly related to management actions specified in the Shell Creek and Prairie Creek Watersheds Management Plan (SPCWMP) Reasonable Assurance document (SWFWMD, 2004). The SPCWMP Reasonable Assurance document was developed by the Shell, Prairie, and Joshua Creeks (SPJC) Watershed Stakeholders Group to address verified Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) impairment in surface waters due to elevated concentrations of chloride, total dissolved solids (TDS), and specific conductance.

The SPCWMP Reasonable Assurance document is comprehensive in scope and not only provides reasonable assurance that management actions will address water quality conditions due to elevated chloride, TDS, and specific conductance in the TMDL impaired Shell and Prairie Creek watersheds, but in the adjacent Joshua Creek watershed as well (Figure 1). The SPCWMP Reasonable Assurance document was submitted to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) in December 2004, received approval from the FDEP Secretary in June 2005, and was adopted by an order signed by the FDEP Secretary in February, 2012.

The reporting time period for this third bi-annual Performance Monitoring Summary document is September 2008 through September 2010. The goal of the SPJC Stakeholders Group is to achieve the water quality goals set forth in the SPCWMP Reasonable Assurance document by 2014. Performance Monitoring Summaries will be generated on a bi-annual basis over the duration of this time period to show reasonable assurance toward improving water quality and consistently meeting Class I surfacewater quality criteria under Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) 62-302.530 in the SPJC TMDL impaired sub-basins.

Description of Water Quality Goals

The specific goal of the Stakeholders Group is to improve surface-water quality within the Shell and Prairie Creek watersheds, with specific emphasis placed on identified TMDL impaired sub-basins, to consistently meet Class I surface-water quality criteria. Currently, water quality is impaired due to elevated levels of chloride, TDS, and specific conductance derived from the use of mineralized groundwater to irrigate agricultural lands for crop production. The goal of the SPCWMP Reasonable Assurance document (and the specific management actions outlined within the document) is to reduce levels of specific conductance, chloride, and TDS below the maximum Class I criterion of 1275 uS/cm, 250 mg/L, and 1000 mg/L, respectively, at all times throughout the SPJC watersheds. In addition, the goal of the plan is to reduce TDS below the Class I standard of 500 mg/L as a monthly average. Specific conductance must be below 775 uS/cm, based upon historical data analysis in the SPJC watersheds, to ensure compliance with Class I standards for chloride and TDS. A specific conductance value of 775 uS/cm equates to a chloride concentration of approximately 150 mg/L and a TDS concentration of 500 mg/L. The time frame to achieve these water quality goals is ten years, or by 2014.

This third bi-annual Performance Monitoring Summary addresses the water segments found in the following table, each of which are Class I water bodies that have been listed as verified impaired based on FDEP's evaluations using methodologies from the Impaired Surface Waters Rule (IWR) (Chapter 62-303, F.A.C.) (Figure 2):

Water Segments in the SPJC Listed as TMDL Verified Impaired

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Water Segment	FDEP WBID	Water Body Type	Basin/Watershed	Impaired Area	Parameters of Concern
Prairie Creek	1962	Stream	Peace River/ Prairie Creek	29 mi.	Sp. Conductance, TDS
Shell Creek	2041	Stream	Peace River/ Shell Creek	10.5 mi.	Sp. Conductance, Chloride, TDS
Myrtle Slough	2040	Stream	Peace River/ Shell Creek	6 mi.	Sp. Conductance, Chloride, TDS

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Figure 1. Location of the Shell, Prairie, and Joshua Creek Watersheds

Prairie Creek Watershed

Lakes and Water Bodies

Streams, Ditches, Canals

Peace River Basin

SWFWMD Boundary Joshua Creek Watershed Shell Creek Watershed

District Counties

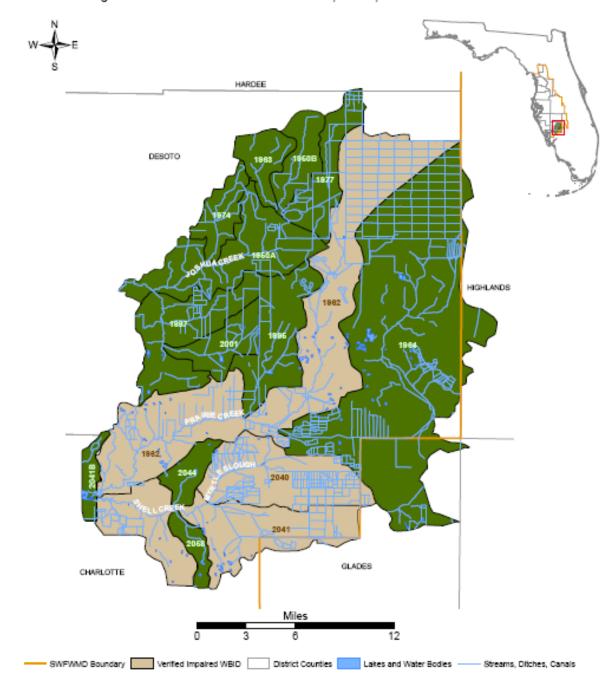


Figure 2. Location of WBIDs within the Shell, Prairie, and Joshua Creek Watersheds

The performance monitoring results presented in this document will be prioritized by the verified impaired water body IDs (WBIDs) as listed above. However, the stakeholders group considers the entire area of the Shell, Prairie, and Joshua Creeks potentially impaired, therefore performance monitoring results will also be presented for the 13 water bodies listed below with proposed management actions specified in the SPCWMP Reasonable Assurance document also being applied within the following WBIDs:

Water Segments in the SPJC not Listed as TMDL Verified Impaired

Water Segment	FDEP WBID	Water Body Type	Basin / Watershed
Shell Creek Reservoir	2041B	Reservoir / Lake	Peace River / Shell Creek
Cypress Slough	2044	Stream	Peace River / Shell Creek
Unnamed Ditch	2058	Stream	Peace River / Shell Creek
Cow Slough	1964	Stream	Peace River / Prairie Creek
Myrtle Slough	1995	Stream	Peace River / Prairie Creek
Joshua Cr. ab Peace Rv.	1950A	Stream	Peace River / Joshua Creek
Joshua Cr. ab Honey Creek	1950B	Stream	Peace River / Joshua Creek
Lake Slough	1963	Stream	Peace River / Joshua Creek
Unnamed Branch	1974	Stream	Peace River / Joshua Creek
Honey Run	1977	Stream	Peace River / Joshua Creek
Hawthorne Creek	1997	Stream	Peace River / Joshua Creek
Hog Bay Slough	2001	Stream	Peace River / Joshua Creek
*Gannet Slough	2020	Stream	Peace River

^{*}Addressed in this report but not contained within District boundaries

Expenditures in the SPJC Watersheds for Top Priority Resource Management Actions

The following table provides cost expenditures that have supported top priority Resource Management Actions within the SPJC Watersheds during the September 2008 to September 2010 time frame, and also includes total combined funding for these efforts since inception of the SPCWMP Reasonable Assurance document. Water quality monitoring and associated laboratory expenditures for performance monitoring activities are also included. The \$22,393,978 expended to date for Resource Management Actions have been supported by District, State, Federal, and Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS) participant cost-share funding. Listed below are those that have been defined as having the highest effectiveness to address water quality impairment within the SPJC watersheds. Funding that has supported Regional Resource Management Actions (SWUCA Recovery, Land Acquisition, etc.) are difficult to determine and are not provided at this time. A table providing progress-to-date for each of the 11 Resource Management Actions can be found in the following "Resource Management Actions and Progress to Date" section.

Cost Expenditures in the SPJC Watersheds for Top Priority Resource Management Actions; 2008 – 2010 (prior funding also provided)

Resource Management Action	Total Expenditure
Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS) Program	\$6,255,237
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)	\$7,831,861
Shell, Prairie, and Joshua Creek (SPJC) Well Back-Plugging Program	\$17,852
Quality of Water Improvement Program (QWIP)	\$10,000
Water Quality Monitoring & Laboratory Analysis	\$239,015
Total Expenditures 2008 – 2010	\$14,353,965
Top Priority Resource Management Action Expenditures 2004 – 2008	\$13,168,700
Total Expenditures 2004 – 2010	\$27,522,665

The improvements in mineralized constituents seen throughout the September 2008 to September 2010 time period within SPJC surface waters can be directly related to resource management actions that have been initiated within the SPJC watershed since inception of the SPCWMP Reasonable Assurance Plan. These improvements are of particular significance since the SPJC region was again impacted during the 2008 – 2010 performance monitoring period by severe drought conditions. The following section details these climatic impacts.

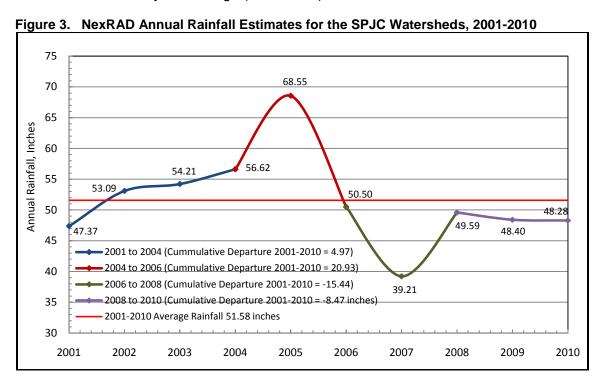
Precipitation and Stream Discharge within the SPJC Watersheds

Prevailing climatic conditions have a direct influence on water quality in receiving surface waters within agricultural areas of the SPJC watersheds. Mineralized groundwater, which commonly occurs throughout the SPJC, can affect both shallow groundwater (water table) and direct runoff, especially when used to irrigate during dry conditions. The intensity of dry conditions can increase mineralized concentrations due to two principal factors; 1) additional mineralized irrigation water is applied to crops to compensate for rainfall shortages, and 2) reduced rainfall limits the natural dilution and flushing effects on direct runoff to the underlying shallow groundwater aquifer, which ultimately then drains to surface-water systems. During dry or drought periods, the source of most, if not all, streamflow is derived from shallow groundwater aquifer discharge. This effect on surface waters can be further compounded by a corresponding decrease in stream discharge associated with lower rainfall. Conversely, during wet conditions, the increase in rainfall can dilute and decrease the concentration of mineralized groundwater runoff water that ultimately drains to surface-water bodies.

Rainfall calculations for the SPJC watersheds were determined using National Weather Service NexRAD RADAR imagery. Daily totals were estimated based on cumulative rainfall amounts measured within a cell of an overlying network grid. NexRAD rainfall estimates, based on the SPJC network grid, are considered highly accurate when compared to individual point rainfall gages located strategically within a watershed. The NexRAD average annual rainfall for the SPJC performance monitoring tenyear period (2001 to 2010) was 51.58 inches, which correlates well with the 95-year period (1915 to 2010) average of 51.86 inches for DeSoto County. The average annual total for the three monitoring periods represents a range of prevailing climatic conditions: normal, wet, and dry.

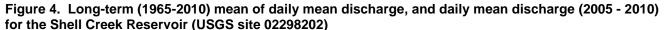
Figure 3 compares total annual rainfall throughout the SPJC performance monitoring period (2001 to 2010), and can be used to evaluate how climatic conditions may have affected resource management actions and subsequent water-quality data results during these time periods. The initial baseline

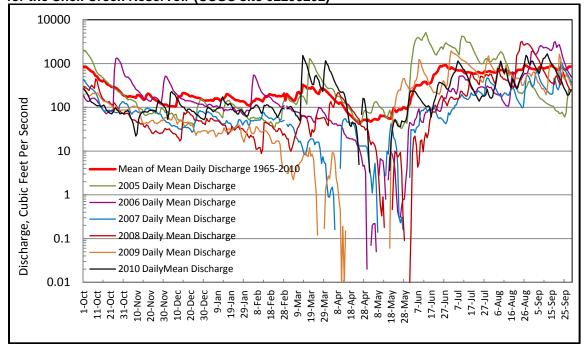
performance monitoring results were based on data collected during a 'flat' climatic period from 2001 to 2004, with an average of 52.8 inches of rainfall. This period started with a regional drought in 2001 that ended the following year. The 2004 to 2006 monitoring period was heavily influenced by both the effects of three back-to-back hurricanes that occurred in the latter part of 2004 and a very wet year in 2005 where above average rainfall amounts of 58.6 inches were experienced. The third time period, 2006 to 2008, has been classified as a period of persistent drought with an annual average rainfall of 46.4 inches. The year 2007 was particularly dry with only 39.2 inches of measured precipitation. This deficit of approximately 15 inches from the ten-year average (2001-2010) prompted an increase in irrigation usage of ambient mineralized groundwater and subsequent runoff of groundwater to surface water systems within the SPJC watersheds. The current study period, 2008 to 2010, had a cumulative rainfall deficit for the consecutive three-year period of 8.47 inches, which averaged annually 2.82 inches below the ten-year average (2001-2010) of 51.58 inches.



Hydrograph comparisons of long-term (1965-2010) mean of daily mean discharge (heavy red line) for the Shell Creek Reservoir are shown in Figure 4. The Shell Creek Reservoir station monitors combined drainage from both the Prairie and Shell Creek watersheds. The increased discharge for the 2005 water year correlates with above average annual rainfall. The 2005 discharges during the normally dry spring and the wet summer months noticeably exceeded both the long-term means and the discharge for each of the subsequent years, 2006 to 2008. Almost all discharge that occurred during the 2006 to 2008 water years (October 1 through September 30) was generally well below the long-term mean, and extended periods of low to no flow conditions were also experienced.

The discharges for the current study period, 2008-2010, were generally below average. The discharges for the first-half of 2009 were the lowest for the period of study with a long, intermittent period of no-flow (over the Shell Creek Reservoir dam) during March through May.





Discharge-duration curves are cumulative frequency curves that graphically characterize streamflow conditions. The flat shape of the curves indicate stable conditions, whereas, areas of marked decreasing slope for the lower discharges can indicate the percentage of time that no flow or limited groundwater (base flow) contribution occurred. The annual (2005-2010) daily discharge-duration curves developed for the Shell Creek Reservoir and their relation to the long-term 45-year discharge duration curve indicate that the 2005 water year had discharges well above average, with record high flows and elevated low flows, and no periods of no flows (Figure 5). Discharges for 2006-2008 were generally well below the long-term discharge for the complete range of flows. Discharges for the year 2009 that occurred during this performance monitoring period, correspond very closely to the long-term average (1965-2010) for medium-to-high flows, but show a significant decline when compared to other years during periods of low-flow. Discharges for 2010 have a similar medium-to-high flow characteristic as that of 2009, but show an above average increase in low flows during dry season events, indicating an increase in base flow discharge.

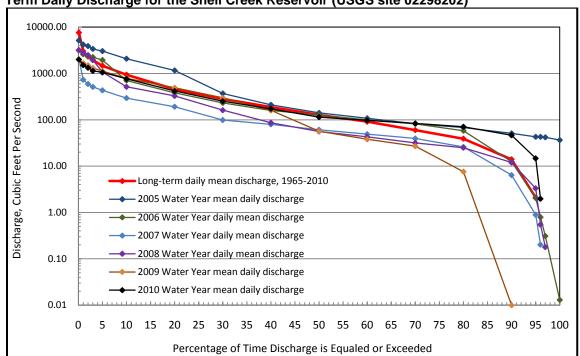


Figure 5. Discharge Duration Curves of 2005 - 2010 Annual Daily Discharge Compared to 43-year Long-Term Daily Discharge for the Shell Creek Reservoir (USGS site 02298202)

Median Percent Reduction Goals and Progress to Date

Progress continues to be achieved for reducing TDS concentrations below the Class I criteria of 500 mg/L within the Prairie Creek sub-basin during the September 2008 to September 2010 reporting period. This is the third performance reporting summary with no values exceeding the 1000 mg/L criteria in the Prairie Creek (WBID 1962), Shell Creek @ Washington Loop Road (WBID 2041) water segments. Notable improvements in TDS concentrations above the 1000 mg/L criteria have also occurred in Shell Creek @ SR 31 (WBID 2041) over the past three reporting periods, however both water segments in Shell Creek (WBID 2041) and Myrtle Slough (WBID 2040) have not shown improvement with regard to the 500 mg/L TDS standard. Percentages of chloride concentration exceedances within the Shell Creek (WBID 2041) and Myrtle Slough (WBID 2040) water bodies continue to show considerable improvements.

Concentration based load reductions that need to occur in the SPJC impaired water segments by year 2014 have been identified by the FDEP using IWR data sources from January 2001 through February 2004. The following table includes the reduction goals initially established by FDEP, progress achieved during the first bi-annual reporting period (March 2004 to July 2006), and progress achieved for subsequent and current (2008 – 2010) reporting periods. These percentages are calculated by determining the reductions required to meet water quality goals of 250 mg/L for chloride, 1000 mg/L for TDS (at all times) and 500 mg/L for TDS (as a monthly average) based upon data collected at long-term data collection stations and calculated as; 1) percent each discrete value is above the established water quality criteria for each parameter, and 2) percentage shown is the median of all individual percent values that exceed criteria levels. Also provided on this table is the number of values (for each site and parameter) that exceeded water quality criteria, since in some instances what appears to be a high percentage is due to only one value exceeding the water quality criteria. In addition, multiple values for TDS during a one-month time period are not consistently available to calculate monthly

averages, individual values have been used in some instances to determine exceedances above the 500 mg/L criteria.

Considerable progress has been achieved for reducing TDS concentrations below the Class I criteria of 500 mg/L within the Prairie Creek sub-basin during the current reporting period. No values were measured exceeding the 1000 mg/L criteria in the Prairie Creek (WBID 1962) and Shell Creek @ Washington Loop Road (WBID 2041). The Myrtle Slough (WBID 2040) water segment had one value that exceeded the 1000 mg/L criteria. Water segments in Shell Creek (WBID 2041) and Myrtle Slough (WBID 2040) have not shown improvements with regard to the 500 mg/L TDS standard. Efforts to address the mineralized water quality impacts in these watersheds are explained in the following section.

Management Actions Implemented to Target Poor Water Quality the Shell Creek and Myrtle Slough Watersheds

Increasing trends of TDS and chloride concentrations in both Shell Creek and Myrtle Slough (WBIDs 2041 and 2040, respectively) have been correlated to increasing agricultural activities in the headwaters of these creek systems, along with persistent drought conditions. District surface and groundwater water quality monitoring have been conducted to locate irrigation wells that are contributing elevated mineralization to these surface water systems via seepage and direct runoff. Outreach to the agricultural community in these watersheds has occurred using the FARMS Program as an incentive to improve irrigation practices, raise awareness through monitoring of irrigation water, implementation of precision irrigation projects, assisting with the back-plugging of highly mineralized groundwater wells, and increasing the use of alternative water supply sources such as tail water recovery ponds. These incentives have been very effective in other areas of the SPJC watersheds with reducing mineralized groundwater inputs to receiving surface waters. Ongoing monitoring efforts by District staff have identified 65 water use permits (WUPs) that may be contributing mineralized groundwater to these surface water systems. Currently, eight of these WUPs have participated in water quality analysis, and are currently being investigated for irrigation water quality and/or quantity improvements through the FARMS Program. Although reductions in the use of mineralized groundwater continues to occur, the increase in agriculture activities coupled with drought conditions currently obscures water quality improvements.

The remainder of this document specifically describes management actions and monitoring efforts that have been accomplished thus far toward addressing water quality impairment in the SPJC watershed and providing reasonable assurance toward achieving these goals.

			Mediar	Percen	t CI	ass I W	ater Qua	lity Exce	eedances	and Progress to Date						
	TDS;	500 mg/L a	s monthly a	avg. ^{a,c}	TDS; 1000 mg/L at all times ^c				Chloride; 250 mg/L at all times b							
TMDL Verified Impaired Water Segments by WBID	Initial RA Plan Percent & No. Values Exceeding Criteria	3/2004 to 7/2006 Percent & No. Values Exceeding Criteria	8/2006 to 8/2008 Percent & No. Values Exceeding Criteria	9/2008 to 9/2010 Percent & No. Values Exceeding Criteria		Initial RA Plan Percent & No. Values Exceeding Criteria	3/2004 to 7/2006 Percent & No. Values Exceeding Criteria	8/2006 to 8/2008 Percent & No. Values Exceeding Criteria	9/2008 to 9/2010 Percent & No. Values Exceeding Criteria	Initial RA Plan Percent & No. Values Exceeding Criteria	3/2004 to 7/2006 Percent & No. Values Exceeding Criteria	8/2006 to 8/2008 Percent & No. Values Exceeding Criteria	9/2008 to 9/2010 Percent & No. Values Exceeding Criteria			
WBID 1962																
Prairie Creek at	25.6%	8.5%	11.7%	9.8%		10.2%	No values	No values	No values	Not	Not	Not	Not			
Washington Loop Rd.	20 Values	7 Values	11 Values	10 Values		7 Values	exceed	exceed	exceed	Impaired	Impaired	Impaired	Impaired			
Prairie Creek near Ft.	32.6%	7.9%	16.7%	2.4%		29.3%	No values	No values	No values	Not	Not	Not	Not			
Ogden (SR 31)	16 Values	5 Values	8 Values	5 Values		13 Values	exceed	exceed	exceed	Impaired	Impaired	Impaired	Impaired			
WBID 2041																
Shell Creek at	28.8%	15.9%	25.9%	23.9%		5.4%	11.6%	No values	No values	19.7%	12%	11.6%	6.93%			
Washington Loop Rd.	25 Values	15 Values	17 Values	13 Values		8 Values	1 Value	exceed	exceed	52 Values	2 Values	2 Values	4 Values			
Shell Creek at SR 31	24.8%	12.4%	25.6%	38.4%		10.4%	29.8%	*24.2%	8.7%	29.3%	26.4%	13.8%	14.5%			
- Chell Greek at SN 31	25 Values	10 Values	15 Values	21 Values	1	19 Values	2 Values	2 Values	2 Values	39 Values	2 Values	9 Values	9 Values			
WBID 2040					\vdash											
Myrtle Slough at SR 31	43.4% 33 Values	33.1% 13 Values	36.7% 20 Values	37.1% 23 Values		16.5% 48 Values	1.5% 1 Value	No values exceed	14.6% 1 Value	34.6% 63 Values	16.1% 4 Values	10.71% 7 Values	10.69% 6 Values			
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Resource Management Actions and Progress to Date

The following table provides the number and/or progress of Resource Management Actions that have been initiated in the SPJC Watersheds during the October 2004 to September 2010 time frame. These Management Actions have been defined in the SPJCWMP Reasonable Assurance document, and are expected to measurably improve chloride, specific conductance, and TDS concentrations within each of the SPJC Watersheds. The Resource Management Actions are listed in order of their effectiveness to address water quality impairment, with detailed progress of Management Actions for each specific SPJC WBID summarized in the following tabulated sections of this document. The progress for particular Management Actions which are considered regional rather than specifically related to a boundary-defined WBID area can be found in a separate tabulated section.

Resource Management Action	Current and Prior Progress		Result	
Shell, Prairie, and Joshua Creek (SPJC) Well Back-Plugging Program	Number Wells Back-Plugged Prior to		Improves water quality at source of mineralized water. Highly effective with documented	
	Aug. 2008 48	Aug. 2008 - 2010	program success. Provides economic incentive to growers to improve crop production.	
SWFWMD Resource Regulation Well Construction and Water-Use	Overall Number Permits Receiving SPJC WUP Stipulations		Highly effective compliment to incentive programs such as FARMS and Well Back-	
Permitting (WUP)	113		Plugging. Regulates compliance on permit renewals and new WUP applications.	
Facilitating Agricultural Resource	Overall Number FARMS/EQIP Projects			
Management Systems (FARMS)	Approved	Potential	Very effective dual role of improving water quality and reducing water use. High grower participation due to improved water supply for crops and economic incentive.	
Program	58	18		
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)	Overall Number EQIP Projects See Above		Focuses on key agricultural management activities to improve environmental conditions.	
*Peace River Valley/Manasota Citrus Best Management Practices	Not Quantitative See Regional Section		Highly effective as applied to nutrient management issues.	
*Regional Water Supply Plan and SWUCA Recovery Strategy	Not Quantitative See Regional Section		Significant over long-term (20 years) due to anticipated reduction in overall water use (with correspondent reduction in poor water quality use). Significant funding committed over long-term.	
Quality of Water Improvement Program	Overall Number Wells Plugged/Abandoned		Very effective as wells are available for complete abandonment.	
(QWIP)	4			
*Land Acquisition	Total Acres Acquired Historically through Sept. 2010		Has the potential for a much greater percent effectiveness. Time frame for land acquisit is undetermined.	
	41,000			
*Mobile Irrigation Laboratory	Overall Sites Visited	Overall Acres Served	Effective due to its ability to improve water management. Can result in decreased water	
Mobile II Igation Laboratory	94	6355	use (with correspondent reduction in poor water quality use).	
*Education and Outreach	Overall Media Coverage Items	Overall Outreach Events Attended	Effective in promoting awareness of issue and advertising incentive programs available. Important element to maintain funding levels.	
	43	137	Important cicinent to maintain funding levels.	
*Research Efforts	Overall Number Projects Funded		Effective in continual assessment of water quality problems to focus management actions	
Research Elloris	12		for greatest effectiveness.	

^{*}Regional Resource Management Action Items

Water Quality Monitoring Networks and Data Sources

The Southwest Florida Water Management District (District), FDEP, United States Geological Survey (USGS), and City of Punta Gorda currently have surface and/or ground-water quality monitoring networks in place from which data results are being used to demonstrate progress toward water quality improvements within the SPJC watersheds. Results from these monitoring networks are used extensively in this Performance Monitoring Summary. The following information describes the purpose for initiating these networks and also explains how data from these networks are utilized for SPJCWMP Reasonable Assurance performance monitoring.

In-Stream Specific Conductance Logging Network (District and USGS) Purpose

The purpose of the Specific Conductance Logging Network is: 1) to determine surface water systems (streams, canals) that may be showing ground water signature characteristics so that management actions can be developed, and 2) to track the success of re-use projects and other management actions at site-specific locations to meet performance-monitoring objectives.

Network Description

During dry season events (November through May) the District currently has YSI® 600XLM data sondes deployed in fifteen stream and canal systems throughout the SPJC watersheds. Eight of these locations are equipped with telemetry equipment so data are transferred instantaneously via satellite to a web site interface for viewing and retrieval. An additional three stations have data sondes deployed year-round which are maintained by the USGS under contract with the District. All data sondes are programmed to record temperature and specific conductance measurements on either hourly or 15-minute intervals.

Reporting of Results

The Specific Conductance Logging Network results will be displayed as graphical plots and are presented in the following tabulated sections. These data plots reflect weekly median values for specific conductance, which have been calculated from independent values collected on 15 minute or hourly intervals. These data plots also show weekly median specific conductance values in relation to the 775 uS/cm reference line goal. A table located at the end of each tabulated section provides the overall specific conductance monitoring logging results for each respective WBID/water segment.

Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Network (District)Purpose

The purpose of the Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Network is to track changes or declines in water quality of stream and canal systems throughout the SPJC watersheds and in other areas adjacent to these watersheds. This network assists with identifying surface waters that are showing ground water signature characteristics and also provide information on surface waters that are entering the SPJC watersheds from outside study area boundaries.

Network Description

Field parameters (temperature, specific conductance, pH, total station depth, and salinity) are currently collected at approximately 150 surface water stations District-wide. Thirty-one of these stations are located throughout the SPJC watersheds. Additional stations may be added to this network as more sites are identified. Each station is visited twice per year, during dry and rainy season periods. Station locations have been selected based on ease of accessibility (bridge/culvert crossings, etc.) for efficiency purposes.

Reporting of Results

A table comparing specific conductance concentrations for dry season events, along with percent change increases and/or decreases for each monitoring location, will be shown for each respective WBID.

Pre- and Post Back-Plugging Well Monitoring Network (District)Purpose

A total of 48 wells have been back-plugged in the SPJC watersheds by the end of the current reporting period September 2008 to September 2010. Generally, agricultural Water-Use-Permit (WUP) wells that exceed 600 feet or more in depth and produce highly mineralized groundwater with a specific conductance measuring greater than 1000 uS/cm may be candidates for the Well Back-Plug Program. Typically, these wells may have a source of high ion concentration groundwater coming from the bottom well interval that can degrade better quality groundwater produced from upper well intervals. Locating and plugging off a poor quality groundwater source in the well without a severe reduction in pumping capacity is the goal of every successful back-plug operation (SWFWMD, 2007).

Water quality data collected from agricultural (WUP) wells allows project managers to determine which wells in the SPJC watersheds exhibit poor water quality (e.g. elevated levels of specific conductivity (>1000 uS/cm), chloride, and TDS). These wells, if proven to have poor water quality, are then scheduled for back-plugging based on owner consent. Following back-plugging activities water quality data are collected to determine if the well back-plugs have resulted in an improvement in water quality. A sub-set of back-plugged wells is currently monitored on an ongoing, quarterly basis to ensure the back-plugs have remained functional and no measurable differences in water quality are observed.

Network Descriptions

Wells in the SPJC watersheds that are potential candidates for back-plugging are scheduled for sampling on an "as needed" basis which is dependent on what areas have been selected for further investigation. Approximately 108 wells were sampled as part of the back-plug network during 2002-2003 to characterize water quality and assess potential back-plug candidates, with an additional 121 wells sampled as part of this effort in 2004-2006; then approximately 180 wells were sampled during the 2006-2008 period, and 110 wells were sampled in the current report period. To date, 44 wells have been back-plugged in the SPJC watersheds. The original Post Back-Plug Monitoring Network consisted of 16 wells sampled on a quarterly frequency. Due to land sales and resultant land use changes, five of the wells in the original network are no longer sampled bringing the current number of post back-plugged wells that are monitored on a quarterly frequency to eleven.

Reporting of Results

Results from each quarterly event for wells in the Post Back-Plug Network will be displayed as graphical plots. These data results assist with determining if the well back-plugs have remained functional and no measurable differences in water quality are observed.

Surface-Water Quality and Biological Monitoring Networks (District, FDEP, and City of Punta Gorda)

<u>Purpose</u>

Surface-water quality samples are collected by the District, FDEP, and City of Punta Gorda to track concentration levels of impaired parameters within identified TMDL impaired waters throughout the SPJC watersheds. Results from these monitoring efforts also assist project

managers in determining the success of management actions and also identify surface waters that show poor water quality characteristics.

The City of Punta Gorda is currently permitted to withdraw 8.1 million gallons per day (mgd) (annual average) for public supply from the Shell Creek Reservoir. In 1991, under conditions of the original Water Use Permit, the District required the City to implement a Hydrobiological Monitoring Program (HBMP) to ensure the long-term protection of Shell Creek and lower Peace River estuarine systems. The overall objectives of this monitoring program are to determine whether biological communities are adversely impacted by either existing or projected permitted freshwater withdrawals from the reservoir. The City has performed these monitoring efforts and reporting results to the District on an annual basis since 1991.

Network Descriptions

The District collects samples from five surface water stations on a quarterly frequency and the FDEP-Fort Myers office currently collects samples at six surface water sites (rivers and streams) throughout the SPJC watersheds. The FDEP sites are currently sampled on a monthly basis. All data collected for the District and FDEP surface water projects are uploaded to the Florida STORET database for use in TMDL/IWR water quality assessments. All data collected by FDEP and District staff for Habitat Assessment (HA) and Stream Condition Index (SCI) monitoring efforts (DEP-SOP-001/01 FS 7000) are uploaded to the FDEP SBIO database for use in TMDL assessments.

Field parameters collected for the above District water quality networks include temperature, specific conductance, pH, dissolved oxygen, salinity, and total station depth. Chemical parameters include chloride, sulfate, TDS, silica, iron, strontium, sodium, magnesium, calcium, potassium, and alkalinity. The field and chemical parameter list for the FDEP sites is similar to the District's list with the exception of nutrients and bacteria data that are collected at select sites.

The District also performs sample collection for other long-term surface-water quality monitoring networks. Two of these networks: Peace River and Comprehensive Watershed Management, have stations located District-wide. Four sites in these networks are located within the SPJC watersheds and samples are collected on a monthly frequency. Parameters include temperature, specific conductance, pH, dissolved oxygen, total station depth, nutrients, major ions, and chlorophyll. Data from these networks will also be utilized for SPJC performance monitoring reviews and reporting, and are also uploaded to the Florida STORET database for use in TMDL/IWR water quality assessments.

The City of Punta Gorda performs water quality monitoring at 19 surface water stations located throughout the Shell and Prairie Creek systems, as wells as the reservoir. Three of these stations (freshwater-upstream of Hendrickson Dam) are located within the SPJC study area boundaries. Prior to 2005, data collection and laboratory analysis was performed by Earth Balance, North Port, Florida under contract with the City. Since 2005, Test America; Analytical Testing Corporation, Orlando, Florida has performed monitoring and laboratory analysis for this effort. During the 1999-2001 drought period the City also monitored surface-water quality at additional sites throughout the Shell and Prairie Creek Watersheds.

Field parameters collected at the three freshwater HBMP monitoring sites include temperature, specific conductance, pH, dissolved oxygen, salinity, secchi depth, total station depth, and sample collection depth. Chemical parameters include color, turbidity, total suspended solids,

nitrate+nitrite, ammonia, kjeldahl nitrogen, orthophosphate, total phosphate, chlorophyll *a*, silica, alkalinity, chloride, and total organic carbon.

Results from monitoring the biology of rivers and streams provide a comprehensive depiction of the overall health of a flowing surface-water system. HA and SCI monitoring can assist in determining if anthropogenic factors, such as run-off from surrounding land-use practices and/or disruption of riparian zone buffer areas, are impairing macroinvertebrate habitat and populations. Although there is not a defined network at this time for biological monitoring, staff with the District and FDEP-Punta Gorda have performed SCI monitoring over the past few years in the Joshua, Shell, and Prairie Creek watersheds.

Reporting of Results

Data from the District, FDEP, and City of Punta Gorda's monitoring networks have been used collectively to produce graphical plots depicting water quality trends in TMDL impaired waters throughout the SPJC. Data collected by the City for their HBMP have been essential in providing water quality information for historical review and trend analysis, as well as data collected by the City since 1975 which was initiated to monitor potential degradation of Shell and Prairie Creeks. The entire period of record for both of these data sets has been utilized for SPJC performance monitoring reviews and reporting.

Habitat Assessment and Stream Condition Index (FDEP and District)

<u>Purpose</u>

Habitat Assessment (HA) and Stream Condition Index monitoring (SCI) provide a comprehensive depiction of the overall health of a flowing surface-water system. HAs provide a measure of anthropogenic disturbances to biological communities by scoring stations according to their habitat/in-stream characteristics and morphological and riparian features; habitat availability, habitat diversity, water velocity, habitat smothering, artificial channelization, bank stability, and riparian zone vegetation width and quality. The SCI adds a biometric component to the HA score to further assess the biological community response to potential disturbances using such matrices as total number of taxa present in a sample, total number of sensitive taxa present in a sample, etc.

Network Description

All HAs and SCIs performed by the District are completed in accordance with FDEP SOPs FT 3100 and FS 7420, respectively. HAs and SCIs are performed on qualified sites, selected from the WQMP surface water networks, with an emphasis on waterbodies or reaches of waterbodies not actively monitored by other agencies, in an effort to increase the coverage of sites monitored within a watershed. Habitat assessment and SCI data are stored by FDEP in their Statewide Biological Database (SBIO) and are utilized along with water chemistry results in support of TMDL assignment. FDEP also conducts HA and SCI assessments within the SPJC watersheds.

Reporting of Results

The results of HAs and SCIs performed by FDEP or the District will be provided for each respective WBID.

Coastal Ground-Water Quality Monitoring Network (District) Water-Use Permitting Ground-Water Quality Monitoring Network (District)

<u>Purpose</u>

The Coastal Ground-Water Quality Monitoring Network (CGWQMN) was developed to determine the quality of groundwater in coastal regions of the District. Primary use of the data

is to track any apparent landward movement of salt-water intrusion resulting from major agricultural, industrial, and municipal groundwater withdrawals. The network is also designed to monitor up-coning of sulfate rich waters in coastal areas and limited inland areas.

The Water Use Permitting Ground-Water Quality Monitoring Network (WUPNET), located in the Southern Water Use Caution Area (SWUCA), was developed to upgrade the quality of data obtained from permitted irrigation and public supply wells. Well permit conditions require that permit holders provide water quality information about their wells to the District. Historically, data received for some of the permitted wells were not reliable. This network provides a continuous, reliable data collection effort to assist with water resource management decisions. Data from these two networks can also be utilized for SPJC performance monitoring reviews and reporting.

Network Descriptions

Approximately 360 wells (District-wide) in the CGWQMN are sampled once each year during the months of December, January, February, and March. Of these 360 wells, 16 are located within the SPJC watersheds. A sub-network consisting of approximately 70 wells (which were chosen from the original list of 360 wells) is sampled additionally in May and September. Fourteen of these sub-network wells are located within the SPJC watersheds.

Wells sampled for the WUPNET were chosen using statistical techniques to determine well density and sampling frequency. From these statistical results a sentinel or "fixed" well network has been established for water quality monitoring of the WUPNET. Monitoring of the sentinel portion of the WUPNET is done concurrently with the CGWQMN. Approximately 150 wells (District-wide) in the sentinel WUPNET are sampled three times each year during the months of January, May, and September. Of these 149 wells, 17 lie within SPJC watershed boundaries.

Field parameters collected for the above District well networks include temperature, specific conductance, pH, depth-to-water, and purge volume. Chemical parameters for the CGWQMN include chloride, sulfate, TDS, silica, iron, strontium, sodium, magnesium, calcium, potassium, and alkalinity. Parameters collected for the WUPNET are the same as the CGWQMN with the exception of TDS. Fluoride is also on the parameter list for the WUPNET project.

Reporting of Results

A narrative summarizing the District's most recent (2011) conclusions on the status of salt water intrusion in Charlotte, DeSoto, and Highlands counties will be presented in the Regional Water Quality Monitoring Networks section of this report.

Quality Assurance/Quality Control Elements that Demonstrate Monitoring will Comply with Chapter 62-160, F.A.C.

The analyzing laboratory (District Laboratory, Brooksville, Florida) for District monitoring networks listed in the previous section has a State-approved Quality Assurance Plan on file (#870100-G; Rev. 15; 12/05/08), which complies with FDEP's Quality Assurance (QA) rule, Chapter 62-160 F.A.C., including FDEP approved Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). The District laboratory is NELAC certified (Lab ID #E44149). The District's Water Quality Monitoring Program (WQMP) is responsible for collecting the ground and surface-water quality field parameters and samples for the various networks described in the previous section. The WQMP also has an internal SOP manual that is updated on an annual basis.

Water quality monitoring and laboratory analysis that is performed by the FDEP Ft. Myers office falls under FDEP's Quality Assurance Plan and SOP guidelines. Water quality monitoring and

laboratory analysis performed for the City of Punta Gorda's HBMP is conducted by Test America; Analytical Testing Corporation, Orlando, Florida. This laboratory is NELAC certified (Lab ID #E87839).

Procedures for Reporting Results

Performance monitoring results for water bodies in each of the SPJC WBIDs is contained in the following tabulated sections of this Performance Monitoring Summary. Particular management actions which are considered regional rather than specifically related to a boundary-defined WBID area are addressed in a separate tabulated section.

The reporting time period for this Performance Monitoring Summary document is September 2008 through September 2010. Performance monitoring results contained in the previous summary reports are also included. The goal of the SPJC Stakeholders Group is to achieve the water quality goals set forth in the SPCWMP Reasonable Assurance document by 2014. Performance Monitoring Summaries will be generated on a bi-annual basis over the duration of this time period to show reasonable assurance toward improving water quality and consistently meeting Class I surface-water quality standards in the SPJC TMDL impaired sub-basins.

Water Segments in the SPJC Watersheds Recognized as Requiring Water Quality Monitoring Efforts

The following table represents waterbodies in the SJPC watersheds that are currently lacking water quality monitoring data collection efforts. Although Resource Management Actions are occurring in these WBIDs, the SPJC Stakeholders Group realizes the importance of collecting water quality data throughout all of the SPJC WBIDs not only to track the success of Resource Management Actions, but also to determine areas that require additional focus. None of the waterbodies shown below are currently listed by FDEP as verified impaired under TMDL Rule.

Field reconnaissance was conducted to determine monitoring accessibility within the following WBIDs. At this time all potential monitoring locations were on private property, and access permission has not been secured at this time.

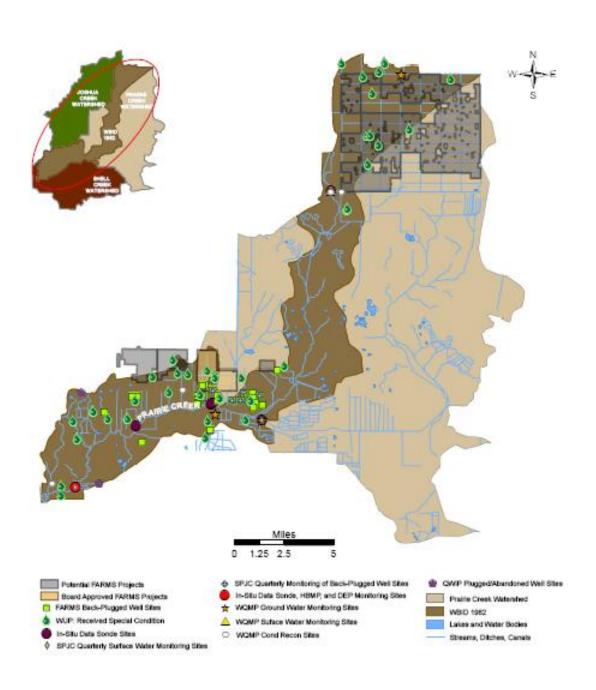
Water Segments in the SPJC Requiring Water Quality Data Collection Efforts

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Water Segment	FDEP WBID	Water Body Type	Basin / Watershed
Joshua Cr. ab Honey Run	1950B	Stream	Peace River / Joshua Creek
Lake Slough	1963	Stream	Peace River / Joshua Creek
Honey Run	1977	Stream	Peace River / Joshua Creek

WBID 1962 Water Segment - Prairie Creek Prairie Creek Watershed; Water Use - Class I Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern: Sp. Conductance, TDS

WBID 1962

Water Segment - Prairie Creek
Prairie Creek Watershed; Water Use - Class I
Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – sp. conductance, TDS



Water Segment - Prairie Creek
Prairie Creek Watershed; Water Use - Class I
Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – sp. conductance, TDS

Proposed Management Actions – Progress to Date

Shell, Prairie, and Joshua Creek Well Back-Plugging Program

Since the inception of this program, a total of 19 irrigation wells have been back-plugged in WBID 1962. No wells were back-plugged in WBID 1962 during the current reporting period. The following table represents water quality improvements for chloride and TDS concentrations at each well directly following back-plugging activities:

Post Well Back-Plugging Water Quality Results in WBID 1962

Permit Information	Percent Improvement		
WUP No.	DID No.	TDS (mg/L)	Chloride (mg/L)
20009732	2	27%	37%
20009127	6	N/A	N/A
20009127	7	N/A	N/A
20009129 (20012818)	1	76%	91%
20009782	1	31%	49%
20009782	2	-1%	-4%
20009782	3	45%	73%
20009782	4	N/A	N/A
20009782	4	1%	13%
20009782	5	-1%	1%
20009782	6	11%	21%
20009782	7	-5%	2%
20009782	9	N/A	N/A
20009782	9	N/A	N/A
20003069	2	44%	59%
20003069	6	68%	83%
20003069	7	64%	80%
20006765	18	71%	84%
20006765	19	55%	70%

Denotes repeat back-plug

District Resource Regulation – Water Use Permitting

In WBID 1962, 41 Water Use Permit (WUP) applications were submitted to the District over the entire reporting period of performance monitoring (October 2004 to September 2010). Of the forty-one applications, two were new permits, twenty-eight were renewals, and eleven were modifications or letter modifications. Twenty-six of the forty-one permits issued received additional special conditions to address water quality concerns in the SPJC watersheds. The remaining permits will receive the special conditions through a corrective process. Detailed explanations for these special conditions can be found in Appendix II.

WUP Renewals and Modifications in WBID 1962

	Oct. 2004 – July 2006	Oct. 2006 – Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008 - Sept. 2010	
New WUPs	0	1	1	
WUP Renewals	4	12	12	
WUP Modifications	0	2	2	
WUP Letter Modifications	3	4	0	
WUP Owner Transfer	0	0	0	
WUPs Conditioned	3	8	15	

Water Segment - Prairie Creek
Prairie Creek Watershed; Water Use - Class I
Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – sp. conductance, TDS

<u>Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS) and/or Environmental Quality Incentives (EQIP) Projects</u>

Nine FARMS projects were Board approved between October 2004 and September 2010 in WBID 1962, two of which have since been cancelled. An additional six FARMS projects were discussed or were in the contract initiation phase during this time. The following table summarizes the Board approved projects, as well as ground water offsets that have occurred over the performance monitoring period. Details for each of the projects listed below can be found in Appendix IV.

FARMS Projects in WBID 1962; October 2004 to September 2010

Project Number / Type	Project Operational/ (Expected Operational) Date	Projected Ground Water Offset (gpd)	**Actual Ground Water Offset as of October 15, 2010 (gpd)	Max. Ground Water Offset Achieved in One Month through October 15, 2010 (gpd)
^a WUP #20006765 (citrus) Phase I – H516	August 2006	222,500	324,080	1,175,689
^a WUP #20006765 (citrus) Phase 2 – H516	March 2009	76,980	227,954	651,258
^a WUP #20006765 (citrus) Phase 3 – H584	June 2010	348,400	768,967	768,967
WUP #20008348 (citrus) – H514	April 2006	71,000	104,938	403,600
WUP #20009127 (citrus) - H526	May 2006	15,600	45,796	294,782
WUP #20002386 (citrus, sod) – H555	April 2009	225,100	84,893	314,714
WUP # 200002386 (citrus) – H606	June 2011	432,000	Under Construction	Under Construction
WUP #20003275 (citrus) – H507	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled
WUP # 20000153 (citrus) – H547	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled
*WUP #20010065 (citrus)	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
*WUP # 20003069 (citrus) – H657	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
*WUP 20009782 (citrus) – H648	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
*WUP # 200004641 (citrus) – H594	N/D	32,000	N/D	N/D
*WUP # 200002665 (citrus)	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
*WUP # 200008287 (citrus) – H546	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D

^{*}Potential project under consideration between October 2004 and September 2010

N/D = Not determined project under consideration

^aAlso received EQIP funding

^{**}The actual ground water offset fluctuates with weather conditions and seasons. The actual is calculated by dividing the number of days the project has been operational into the total gallons offset.

Water Segment - Prairie Creek
Prairie Creek Watershed; Water Use - Class I
Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – sp. conductance, TDS

Quality of Water Improvement Program (QWIP)

No wells have been plugged/abandoned in WBID 1962 since October 2004.

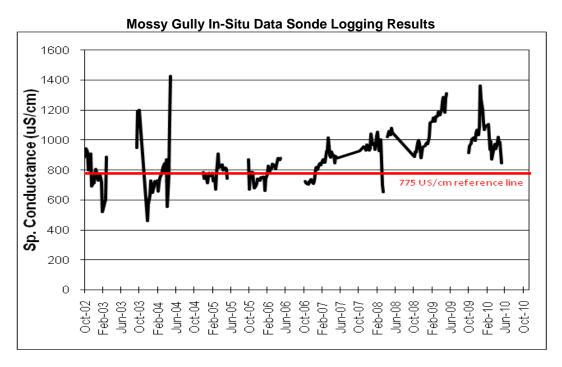
SPJC Water Quality Monitoring Results - Progress to Date

In-Stream Specific Conductance Logging Network (District and USGS)

There are currently six YSI[®] 600XLM data sondes deployed in creek and canal systems throughout WBID 1962.

The *Mossy Gully* data sonde is deployed in an agricultural canal that is located in the northern region of the Prairie Creek Watershed. The site was upgraded to include data collection via satellite telemetry in October 2009. This canal provides flows to Prairie Creek, and land use in the immediate surrounding area of this monitoring location is predominantly agriculture (citrus). The following data plot shows median weekly values of continuous/hourly logging for specific conductance during dry season periods (November – May) for October 2002 through May 2010. Low water level conditions and smothering of the data probe by sediment and vegetation has resulted in some missing values for this monitoring location. These erroneous values have been removed from the data set.

The following graph shows evidence of increasing trends in specific conductance concentrations over the data period of record at this monitoring station, particularly during the 2007-2008 dry season event. Most recent data (2010 dry season) show a downward trend. A FARMS project is currently in operation that is located directly north of the data sonde site.

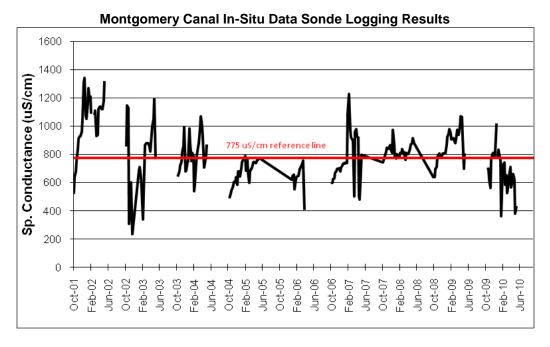


The *Montgomery Canal* data sonde is located in a canal in the central region of the Prairie Creek Watershed, and the site was upgraded to include data collection via satellite telemetry in October 2008. This canal provides flows to Prairie Creek, and land use contributing to this canal has historically been agriculture (sod farming). The following data plot shows median

Water Segment - Prairie Creek
Prairie Creek Watershed; Water Use - Class I
Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – sp. conductance, TDS

weekly values of continuous/hourly logging for specific conductance during dry season periods (November – May) for October 2001 through May 2010.

During the Fall of 2004 a large portion of the sod farming operation upstream of this monitoring site was discontinued therefore, noticeable decreases in specific conductance occurred during the 2005-2006 time period. Well back-plugging activities have occurred in the immediate surrounding area of this data sonde location which has also contributed to water quality improvements in this portion of the Prairie Creek Watershed. Slight increases in specific conductance occurred during the 2007-2008 dry season months as agricultural operations became more active in the area during this time period, and drought conditions resulted in increased irrigation with groundwater. Significant decreases in specific conductivity were recorded during the 2009-2010 dry season.

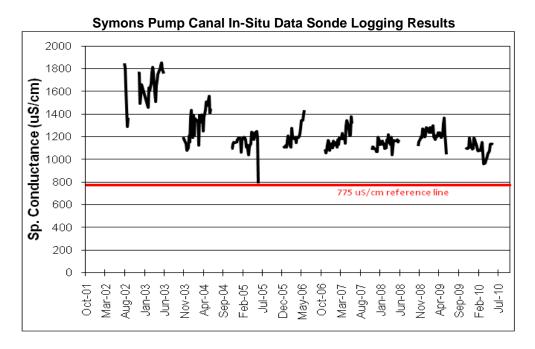


The **Symons Pump Canal** data sonde is deployed in an irrigation canal located in the central region of the Prairie Creek Watershed. The canal provides flows to Prairie Creek, and the monitoring location is directly adjacent to citrus farming activities. The immediate surrounding area also includes rangeland. The following data plot shows median weekly values of continuous/hourly logging for specific conductance during dry season periods (November–May) for November 2002 through May 2010.

Four wells were back-plugged on this property in November and December 2001 therefore, specific conductance values have continued to decrease since this time period as soil flushing occurs (see Case Study No. 1 in the SPCWMP Reasonable Assurance document). A FARMS project has been implemented on agricultural property located directly north of this monitoring location.

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Water Segment - Prairie Creek
Prairie Creek Watershed; Water Use - Class I
Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – sp. conductance, TDS



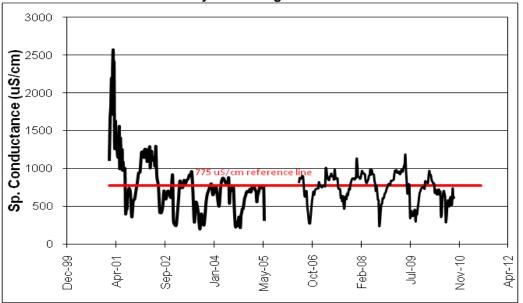
The *Prairie Creek near Fort Ogden* data sonde is deployed in the main channel of Prairie Creek in the central region of the Prairie Creek Watershed, and is located approximately 100 yards downstream of the Symon Pump Canal's confluence with Prairie Creek. The immediate surrounding land use includes agriculture (citrus) and rangeland. This location is one of the key surface water monitoring stations in WBID 1962, with data results used by FDEP for TMDL assessments. For this reason data sonde deployment occurs year-round at this site under contract with the USGS. The following data plot shows weekly median results for continuous/hourly logging of specific conductance values throughout each year for November 2001 through August 2010.

Decreases in specific conductance have occurred at this monitoring location during dry season events since the November 2001 time period. Four wells were back-plugged on a property located just upstream of this monitoring location in November and December 2001 which has resulted in water quality improvements. In addition, a FARMS project has been implemented on agricultural property located directly north of this monitoring location. Increasing specific conductance values for the 2006-2008 time periods are a result of severe drought conditions, particularly during dry season months however, no weekly median values have exceeded the 1,275 uS/cm Class III criteria for specific conductance since late 2001. Specific conductance values for the current reporting period show some improvement although dry conditions persist.

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Water Segment - Prairie Creek
Prairie Creek Watershed; Water Use - Class I
Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – sp. conductance, TDS

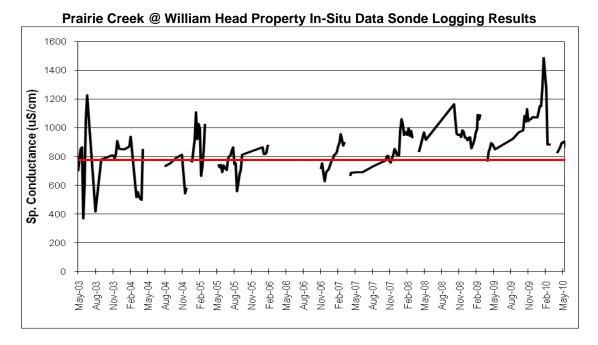
Prairie Creek near Ft. Ogden In-Situ Data Sonde Logging Results Key Monitoring Location



The *Prairie Creek* @ *William Head* property data sonde is located in the main channel of Prairie Creek in the south/central region of the Prairie Creek watershed, and the site was upgraded to include data collection via satellite telemetry in October 2009. Land use in the immediate surrounding area is rangeland and agriculture (citrus). The following data plot shows weekly median results for continuous/hourly logging of specific conductance values for dry season periods (November – May) for October 2002 through May 2010. Sediment smothering of the data sonde during periods of high flow conditions has occurred at this location therefore, these erroneous values have been removed from the data set.

Increasing trends in specific conductance values for the 2006-2008 and 2008-2010 time periods are a result of below average rainfall amounts during dry season months. Three FARMS projects have been implemented on properties located north of this monitoring location. In addition, two wells were back-plugged on one of these FARMS project properties.

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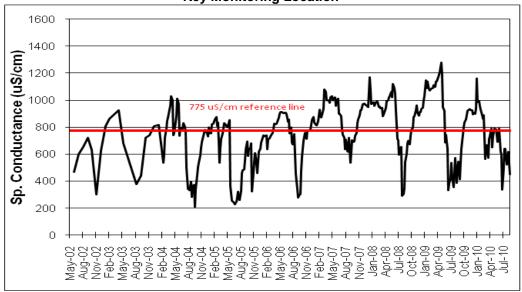


The *Prairie Creek* @ *Washington Loop Road* data sonde is located on the main stem of Prairie Creek in the southern region of the Prairie Creek watershed, just upstream of the Shell Creek Reservoir. Land use in the immediate surrounding area is predominantly agriculture, with some rangeland and urban/built-up. This location is one of the key surface water monitoring stations in WBID 1962, with data results used by FDEP for TMDL assessments. For this reason, data sonde deployment occurs year-round at this site under contract with the USGS. The following data plot shows weekly median results for continuous/hourly logging of specific conductance values throughout each year for July 2002 through August 2010.

Decreases in weekly median specific conductance values occurred during the dry season periods of 2003 through 2005. Below average rainfall amounts during the 2006-2008 dry and wet season months are reflected by increasing trends in specific conductance concentrations during this time period. Specific conductance concentrations during the 2008-2010 appear to be improving. Two FARMS projects located just upstream of this monitoring location are currently in operation, and two wells have been back-plugged on one of the FARMS project properties.

Water Segment - Prairie Creek
Prairie Creek Watershed; Water Use - Class I
Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – sp. conductance, TDS

Prairie Creek @ Washington Loop Rd. In-Situ Data Sonde Logging Results Key Monitoring Location



The following table summarizes period of data record logging results for specific conductance at the six established data sonde monitoring locations in WBID 1962. Individual values, and the percentage of these values exceeding the FDEP surface-water quality Class I and Class III criterion of 1275 uS/cm are provided. This table also includes the number of weekly median values and percentages of these weekly values above the 775 uS/cm goal criteria.

Specific Conductance Logging Results in WBID 1962 over Entire Period of Data Record Sites are listed as they are located from north to south throughout WBID 1962

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Water Segment	Number Individual Logged Values	Number Individual Values >1275 uS/cm	Percentage of Individual Values >1275 uS/cm	Number Weekly Median Values	Number Weekly Median Values >775 uS/cm	Percentage Weekly Median Values >775 uS/cm	
*Mossy Gully	42,257	1,730	4.1%	228	159	69.7%	
*Montgomery Canal	42,296	932	2.2%	255	130	51%	
*Symons Pump Canal	40,481	11,297	27.9%	237	236	99.6%	
**Prairie Cr. nr Ft. Ogden	151,659	1218	0.80%	356	100	28.1%	
Prairie Cr. @ William Head	36,401	103	0.28%	210	148	70.5%	
**Prairie Cr. @ Washington Loop	139,335	4	0.00%	365	145	42.2%	

^{*}Monitoring site located in agricultural canal – not on main channel of Prairie Creek.

^{**} Key monitoring location

Water Segment - Prairie Creek
Prairie Creek Watershed; Water Use - Class I
Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – sp. conductance, TDS

Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Network (District)

Within WBID 1962 there are currently four stations monitored for the Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Network. Individual values for the Mossy Gully @ SR 70 station have been excluded from this section since they were discussed earlier in the In-Stream Specific Conductance Logging Network section. Of the thirty-five individual specific conductance values collected within WBID 1962 during the period of record, seven values exceeded the 775 uS/cm goal criteria and two values exceeded the FDEP surface-water quality Class III criterion of 1275 uS/cm.

The following tables summarize the percent change increases and/or decreases between dry season events for each monitoring station within WBID 1962 during the 2004-2006, 2006-2008, and 2008-2010 reporting periods. Individual values for each dry season event are also provided. Stations that were not flowing during a sample event are denoted in the following table as dry.

Overall, dry season percent changes for the 2008-2010 reporting period were either decreasing or not calculated due to dry stations in 2008.

Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Results in WBID 1962; 2004 - 2006

Station	Dry Season 2004 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2004 Value uS/cm	Dry Season 2005 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2005 Value uS/cm	Dry Season 2006 Value uS/cm	Percent change Dry Season 2004 vs. Dry Season 2005	Percent change Dry Season 2005 vs. Dry Season 2006
Unnamed Cr. SR 70- #3A	701	Dry	677	537	685	↓3.42%**	↑1.18%**
Unnamed Cr. @ Washington Loop Rd #29	414	270	1009	738	873	↑143.72%**	↓13.48%**
Unnamed Ditch @ Farms Rd #12	Dry	454	521	331	Dry	*	*

^{*} Station dry

^{**}Values modified since 2004 – 2006 Performance Monitoring Report due to calculation error.

Water Segment - Prairie Creek
Prairie Creek Watershed; Water Use - Class I
Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – sp. conductance, TDS

Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Results in WBID 1962; 2006 - 2008

Station	Wet Season 2006 Value uS/cm	Dry Season 2007 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2007 Value uS/cm	Dry Season 2008 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2008 Value uS/cm	Percent change Dry Season 2006 vs. Dry Season 2007	Percent change Dry Season 2007 vs. Dry Season 2008
Unnamed Cr. SR 70- #3A	572	766	599	885	651	↑11.82%	↑15.54%
Unnamed Cr. @ Washington Loop Rd #29	151	Dry	1401	Dry	636	*	*
Unnamed Ditch @ Farms Rd #12	700	Dry	435	Dry	423	*	*

^{*} Station dry

Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Results in WBID 1962; 2009 - 2010

Station	Dry Season 2009 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2009 Value uS/cm	Dry Season 2010 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2010 Value uS/cm	Percent change Dry Season 2008 vs. Dry Season 2009	Percent change Dry Season 2009 vs. Dry Season 2010
Unnamed Cr. SR 70- #3A	904	690	675	573	↑2.1%	↓25.3%
Unnamed Cr. @ Washington Loop Rd #29	1798	210	827	405	*	↓54.0%
Unnamed Ditch @ Farms Rd #12	551	334	544	634	*	↓1.3%

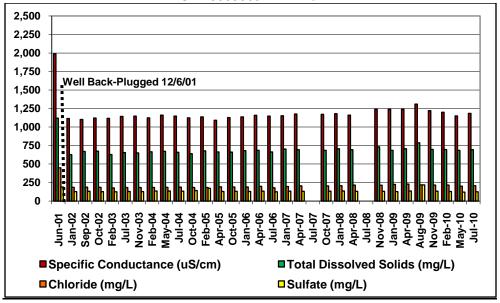
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Pre- and Post Back-Plug Well Monitoring Network (District)

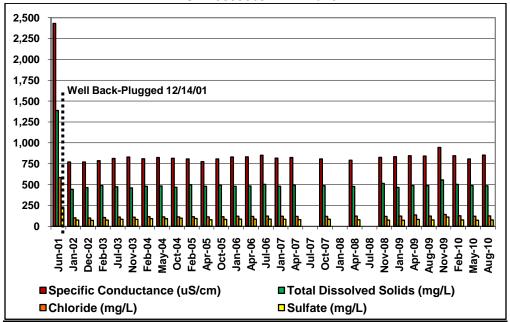
There are six back-plugged wells in WBID 1962 that are sampled on a quarterly frequency to monitor long-term improvements of water quality and to also ensure that the back-plugs have remained functional. The following graphs represent water quality results throughout the period of data record for each quarterly monitored well showing both pre- and post back-plug values for specific conductance, sulfate, chloride, and TDS. To date, all of the wells have retained the integrity of the post back-plug concentrations for these parameters.

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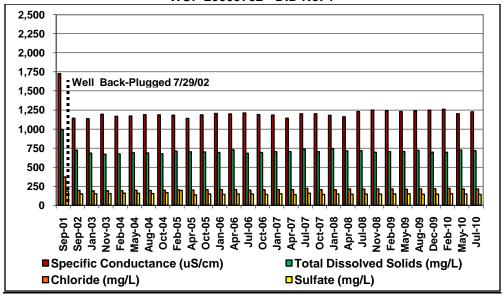


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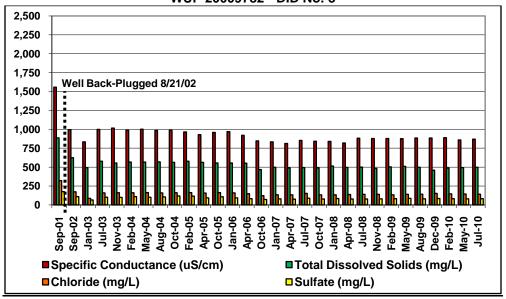


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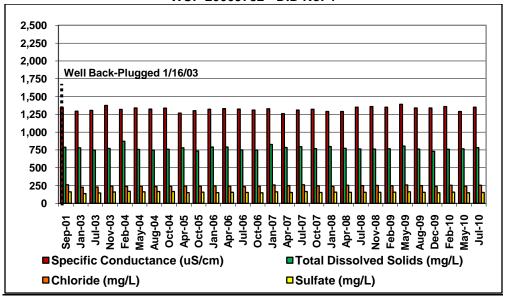


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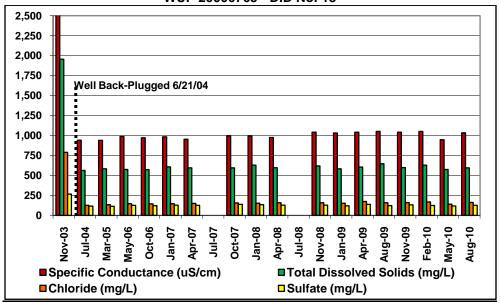


WBID 1962

WUP 20009782 - DID No. 4



WUP 20006765 - DID No. 18



Water Segment - Prairie Creek
Prairie Creek Watershed; Water Use - Class I
Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – sp. conductance, TDS

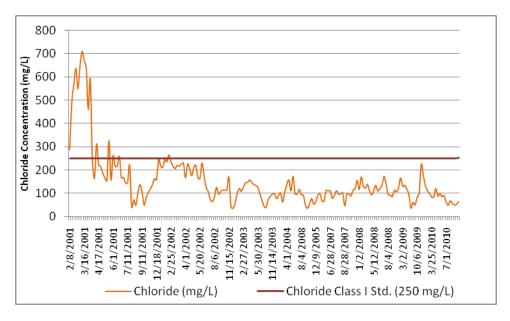
Surface-Water Quality Monitoring Networks (District, FDEP, and City of Punta Gorda)

The following graphs represent period of record water quality results through September 2010 for chloride and TDS concentrations at two key water quality monitoring stations in WBID 1962. Graphical representations for three additional surface water stations monitored in this WBID can be found in Appendix I. A table summarizing individual values above the Class I surface-water quality criteria for each of these five monitoring stations can be found at the end of this section.

These data plots were generated using historical and recently collected data from the City of Punta Gorda, as well as any data collected by the City since 1991 under the City's WUP requirements. Data were also used from FDEPs IWR database. Averaged monthly values for TDS are not consistently available from the above data sources (e.g. only one value available per month), therefore individual values were used to determine the number and percentage of TDS values over the 500 mg/L monthly average criterion. Numerous values for TDS in the above data sets were reported as calculated rather than derived from laboratory analyses.

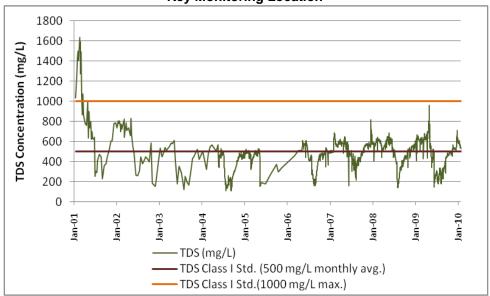
For comparative purposes, these data plots also contain reference lines depicting FDEP Class I criteria for chloride (250 mg/L) and TDS (500 mg/L as a monthly average, 1000 mg/L as maximum). Notable improvements in both chloride and TDS concentrations have occurred at these monitoring locations since 2001.

Prairie Creek near Ft. Ogden Water Quality Results for Chloride Key Monitoring Location

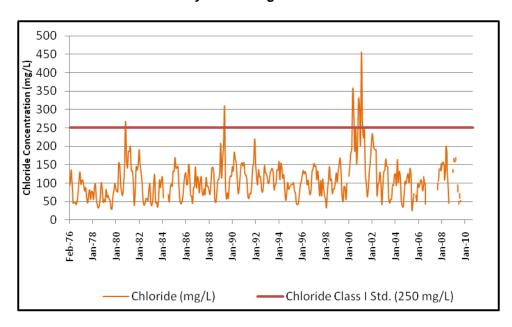


Water Segment - Prairie Creek
Prairie Creek Watershed; Water Use - Class I
Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – sp. conductance, TDS

Prairie Creek near Ft. Ogden Water Quality Results for TDS Key Monitoring Location

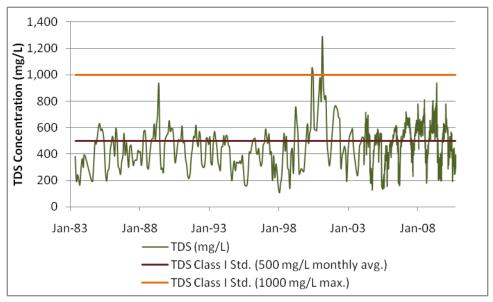


Prairie Creek @ Washington Loop Rd. Water Quality Results for Chloride Key Monitoring Location



Water Segment - Prairie Creek
Prairie Creek Watershed; Water Use - Class I
Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – sp. conductance, TDS





The following table summarizes water quality results for chloride and TDS at the five established monitoring locations in WBID 1962. Individual values, and the percentage of these values exceeding the FDEP surface-water quality Class I criterion of 250 mg/L for chloride, 500 mg/L (as monthly average), and 1000 mg/L (as maximum) for TDS are provided.

Chloride and TDS Water Quality Results in WBID 1962 over Entire Period of Data Record Sites are listed as they are located from north to south throughout WBID 1962

Water Segment	***Number Individual Reported CI Values	***Number Individual CI Values >250 mg/L	***Percentage Individual CI Values >250 mg/L	Number Individual Reported TDS Values	Number Individual TDS Values >500 mg/L	Percentage Individual TDS Values >500 mg/L	Number Individual TDS Values >1000 mg/L	Percentage Individual TDS Values >1000 mg/L
*Mossy Gulley	71	0	N/A	72	62	86.1%	0	N/A
*Montgomery Canal	46	0	N/A	45	9	20%	0	N/A
*Symons Pump Canal	43	6	14%	21	21	100%	2	9.5%
**Prairie Cr. nr Ft. Ogden	189	16	8.5%	227	108	47.6%	13	5.7%

Water Segment - Prairie Creek
Prairie Creek Watershed; Water Use - Class I
Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – sp. conductance, TDS

**Prairie Cr. @ 471 9 Washington Loop Rd.	1.9%	305	106	34.8 %	3	1.0%
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^{*}Monitoring site located in agricultural canal - not on main channel of Prairie Creek (Class III).

Habitat Assessment and Stream Condition Index Monitoring (District)

No sites were evaluated for HAs and SCIs during the October 2004 to July 2006 time period. During the August 2006 to August 2008 reporting period, three sites in WBID 1962 were evaluated for biological health indicators. No sites were evaluated for HAs and SCIs during the September 2008 to September 2010 time period. The results of the assessments are presented below.

Habitat Assessment and Stream Condition Index Results

Station	Assessment Date	In-Stream Characteristics Score	Morphological and Riparian Features Score	Overall Habitat Assessment Score	Overall SCI Score
Prairie Creek at Herbert Road	01/30/2008	51	69	120 Optimal	19 Category 3 ("impaired")
Prairie Creek near Ft. Ogden	05/28/2008	45	54	99 Suboptimal	39 Category 2 ("healthy")
Prairie Creek @ William Head Property	06/16/2008	38	57	95 Suboptimal	23 Category 3 ("impaired")

According to FDEP SOP 002/01 LT 7000, stations scored as Category 2 ("healthy") are characterized as having a diverse assemblage of species, with a small increase in dominance by a single taxon; very tolerant taxa represent a small percentage of individuals. Stations scored as Category 3 ("impaired") are characterized as having a notable loss of diversity with very tolerant taxa representing a large proportion of the individuals collected.

A definitive link between declines in the number and quality of macroinvertebrates and surface waters with elevated specific conductance values from anthropogenic activities has not been determined. However, it is likely that the impairment of the Prairie Creek at Herbert Road and Prairie Creek at William Head Property sites for the SCI can be directly linked to secondary factors of anthropogenic activities such as runoff which can lead to sedimentation and turbidity. Sedimentation and the resulting high turbidity of surface waters occurs as runoff flows over disturbed agricultural soils, picking up sediments and other small debris which can physically scour the bodies of the macroinvertebrates and smother available habitat and food sources.

^{**}Key monitoring location (Class I)

^{***}This parameter not listed by FDEP as TMDL verified impaired in WBID 1962

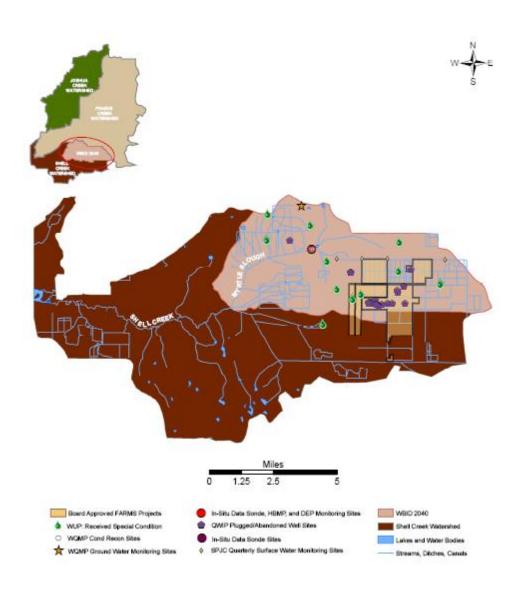
Water Segment - Prairie Creek
Prairie Creek Watershed; Water Use - Class I
Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – sp. conductance, TDS

WBID 2040 Water Segment – Myrtle Slough Shell Creek Watershed; Water Use - Class I Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern: Sp. Conductance, TDS, Chloride

Water Segment – Myrtle Slough Shell Creek Watershed; Water Use - Class I Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – sp. conductance, TDS, chloride

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Water Segment – Myrtle Slough Shell Creek Watershed; Water Use - Class I Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern: Sp. Conductance, TDS, Chloride



Water Segment – Myrtle Slough Shell Creek Watershed; Water Use - Class I Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – sp. conductance, TDS, chloride

Proposed Management Actions – Progress to Date

Shell, Prairie, and Joshua Creek Well Back-Plugging Program

To date no irrigation wells have been back-plugged in WBID 2040.

District Resource Regulation - Water Use Permitting

In WBID 2040, thirteen Water Use Permit (WUP) applications were submitted to the District over the entire reporting period of performance monitoring (October 2004 to August 2010). Of the thirteen applications four were new permits, five were renewals, and four were modifications. Six of the permits issued received additional special conditions to address water quality concerns in the SPJC watersheds. The remaining permits will receive the special conditions through a corrected permit process. Detailed explanations for these special conditions can be found in Appendix II.

WUP Renewals and Modifications in WBID 2040

	Oct. 2004 – July 2006	Aug. 2006 – Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008 - Sept. 2010
New WUPs	0	4	0
WUP Renewal	1	2	2
WUP Modifications	1	1	1
WUP Letter Modifications	0	0	1
WUP Owner Transfer	0	0	0
WUPs Conditioned	2	0	4

<u>Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS) and/or Environmental Quality Incentives (EQIP) Projects</u>

Fourteen FARMS projects were Board approved in WBID 2040 between October 2004 and September 2010, one of which has since been cancelled. An additional FARMS project was under consideration during this time period. The following table summarizes the projects, as well as ground water offsets that have occurred over the performance monitoring period. Details for each of the below listed projects can be found in Appendix IV:

Water Segment – Myrtle Slough Shell Creek Watershed; Water Use - Class I Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – sp. conductance, TDS, chloride

Approved and Potential FARMS Projects in WBID 2040; October 2004-September 2010

Project Number / Type	Project Operational/Expected Operational Date	Projected Ground Water Offset (gpd)	**Actual Ground Water Offset as of October 15, 2010 (gpd)	Max. Ground Water Offset Achieved in One Month through October 15, 2010 (gpd)
^a WUP #20009687 – H512 (row crop) Phase I	April 2006	662,700	578,301	3,568,739
WUP #20009687 – H512 (row crop) Phase II	October 2009	245,700	334,364	871,636
WUP #20009398 - H501 (citrus) Phase I	October 2003	120,700	See phase II, offsets combined	See phase II, offsets combined
WUP #20009398 – H501 (citrus) Phase II	August 2005	60,300	514,107	2,463,548
WUP #20009398 - H501 (citrus) Phase III	October, 2011	1,000,000	Under Construction	Under Construction
^a WUP #20010726 – H513 (row crop)	January 2006	106,260	34,542	256,243
WUP #20003530 - H504 (citrus)	December 2003	142,600	175,195	1,548,667
WUP #20001759 - H534 (sod)	August 2008	197,000	134,866	603,667
WUP #20009052 – H539 (citrus)	December, 2007	1,457,400	595,851	2,423,561
WUP #20003275 – H507 (citrus)	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled
^a WUP #20009417 -H585 (citrus)	(May 2012)	80,000	Under Construction	Under Construction
WUP #200013096 - H573 (citrus)	June 2010	23,790	Insufficient Data	Insufficient Data
WUP #20002689 - H593 (citrus)	(June 2011)	195,000	Under Construction	Under Construction
WUP #20002689 – H588 (citrus)	(December 2012)	145,990	Under Construction	Under Construction
*WUP #20002588 (sod & row crop)	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D

^{*}Potential project under consideration between October 2004 and September 2010

Quality of Water Improvement Program (QWIP)

From October 2003 to September 2010, one well has been plugged/abandoned through the QWIP Program in WBID 2040. The well was associated with WUP No. 20009687.05, District Identification number (DID) 3, and had a casing diameter of six inches, a casing depth of 318 feet, and a total depth of 468 feet below land surface. The specific conductance at the time the well had geophysical logging performed on January 11, 2005 was 670 uS/cm. The well was plugged on April 14, 2005.

N/D = Not determined project under consideration

^aAlso received EQIP funding

^{**}The actual ground water offset fluctuates with weather conditions and seasons. The actual is calculated by dividing the number of days the project has been operational into the total gallons offset.

Water Segment - Myrtle Slough Shell Creek Watershed; Water Use - Class I Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern - sp. conductance, TDS, chloride

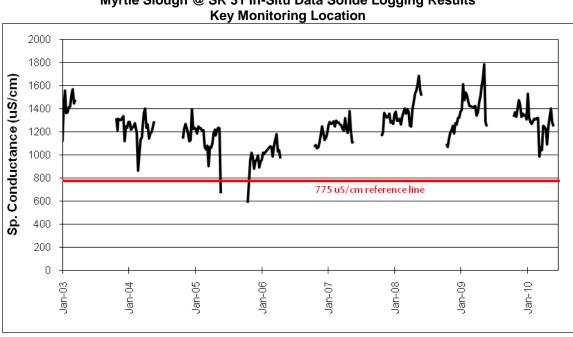
SPJC Water Quality Monitoring Results - Progress to Date

In-Stream Data Sonde - Conductance Logging Network (District and USGS)

There is currently one YSI® 600XLM data sonde deployed in WBID 2040 at station Myrtle Slough @ SR 31 which is located in the northeastern region of the Shell Creek Watershed and provides flows to Shell Creek. This monitoring station was outfitted with satellite telemetry in October 2008. The majority of land use surrounding this monitoring location is agriculture. This location is one of the key surface water monitoring stations in WBID 2040, with data results used by FDEP for TMDL assessments. In contrast to other key monitoring locations in the SPJC, data sonde deployment does not occur year-round at this site due to the potential for flooding and access issues during the wet season.

The following data plot shows weekly median values for specific conductance, which have been calculated from independent values collected on an hourly frequency during dry season periods (November – May) from January 2003 through September 2010. Smothering of the data probe by decaying vegetation caused periodic losses of data at this site during periods of low flow conditions. These erroneous values have been removed from the data set.

Specific conductance concentrations at this monitoring location decreased over the 2002 to early 2005 time period, trends increased through the 2006-2008 period and have decreased in the current reporting period. Five properties currently have FARMS projects in operation or under construction upstream of this monitoring location.



Myrtle Slough @ SR 31 In-Situ Data Sonde Logging Results

Water Segment – Myrtle Slough
Shell Creek Watershed; Water Use - Class I
Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – sp. conductance, TDS, chloride

The following table summarizes logging results at the established data sonde monitoring location in WBID 2040. Individual values, and the percentage of values, exceeding the FDEP surface-water quality Class I criterion of 1275 uS/cm are provided. This table also includes the number of weekly median values above the 775 uS/cm goal criteria.

Specific Conductance Logging Results in WBID 2040 over Entire Period of Data Record

Water Segment	Number Individual Logged Values	Number Individual Values >1275 uS/cm	Percentage of Individual Values >1275 uS/cm	Number Weekly Median Values	Number Weekly Median Values >775 uS/cm	Percentage Weekly Median Values >775 uS/cm
**Myrtle Slough @ SR 31	42,429	17,399	41%	231	229	99.1%

^{**} Key Monitoring Location (Class I)

Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Network (District)

Within WBID 2040 there is one station currently being monitored for the Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Network. Individual values for *Myrtle Slough* @ *SR 31* will not be explained here since the specific conductance results were discussed earlier in the In-Stream Specific Conductance Logging Network section.

Pre- and Post Back-Plug Well Monitoring Network (District)

To date no wells in WBID 2040 are monitored as part of the Back-Plug Well Monitoring Network.

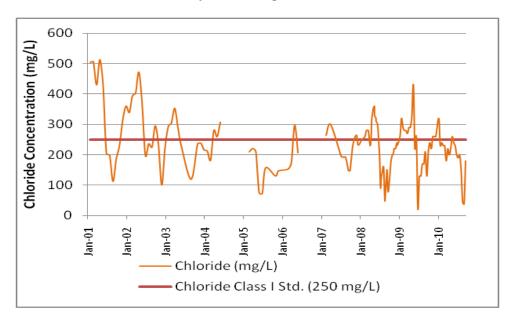
Surface-Water Quality Monitoring Networks (District, FDEP, and City of Punta Gorda)

One water quality sample collection site has been established in WBID 2040 at *Myrtle Slough* @ *SR 31*, which is a key monitoring location. The following graphs represent available water quality results through September 2010 for chloride and TDS concentrations. These data plots were generated using data that were collected by the FDEP-Fort Myers office. The City began collecting water quality samples at this location as a result of deteriorating water quality in the Shell Creek Reservoir during the 2001 drought. This site is not included under the City's WUP monitoring requirements; therefore the period of data record is shorter than some of the monitoring locations in the SPJC. Numerous values for TDS in both of these data sets were reported as calculated rather than derived from laboratory analyses. For comparative purposes, these data plots also contain reference lines depicting FDEP Class I criteria for chloride (250 mg/L) and TDS (500 mg/L as a monthly average, 1000 mg/L as maximum).

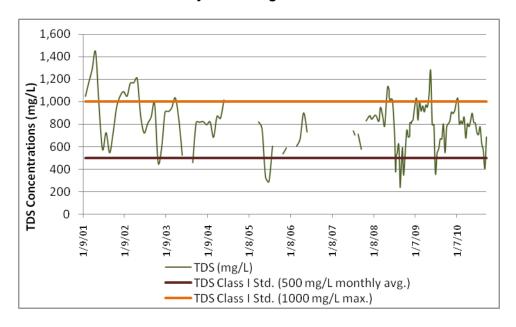
Decreasing trends in both chloride and TDS have occurred during the period of data record at the Myrtle Slough monitoring location. Drought impacts are evident by slight increases in both constituents during dry season months, with wet season rainfall events reducing both TDS and chloride concentrations during July and August of 2008 and 2009.

Water Segment – Myrtle Slough Shell Creek Watershed; Water Use - Class I Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – sp. conductance, TDS, chloride

Myrtle Slough @ SR 31 Water Quality Results for Chloride Key Monitoring Location



Myrtle Slough @ SR 31 Water Quality Results for TDS Key Monitoring Location



Water Segment – Myrtle Slough Shell Creek Watershed; Water Use - Class I Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – sp. conductance, TDS, chloride

Chloride and TDS Water Quality Results in WBID 2040 over Entire Period of Data Record

Water Segment	Number Individual Reported CI Values	Number Individual CI Values >250 mg/L	Percentage Individual CI Values >250 mg/L	Number Individual Reported TDS Values	Number Individual TDS Values >500 mg/L	Percentage Individual TDS Values >500 mg/L	Number Individual TDS Values >1000 mg/L	Percentage Individual TDS Values >1000 mg/L	
**Myrtle Slough @ SR 31	137	51	37.2%	88	79	89.8%	17	19.3%	

^{**}Key Monitoring Location (Class I)

Habitat Assessment and Stream Condition Index Monitoring (FDEP)

In the summer of 2003 and winter of 2004, biological (macroinvertebrate) samples for SCI analysis were collected at Myrtle Slough @ SR 31. The initial 2004 SCI evaluation of this site was "Excellent."

After the samples were collected and evaluated, a new method of calculating the SCI was developed by FDEP to more accurately reflect the biological condition of streams and effects of development around them. The 2004_SCI methodology ranks streams as Good, Fair, Poor, or Very Poor. Myrtle Slough @ SR 31 was categorized under this new method as "Fair", which indicates a significant change from completely natural conditions, but not a serious degradation of the biological community. Because the SCI_2004 method had not been adopted at the time the samples were collected, the SCI_2004 evaluation is not official, but does provide an additional analysis of the biological condition of the stream system. Both the old and new SCI evaluations do not indicate that water quality is having a detrimental effect on the biological communities at the Myrtle Slough @ SR 31 site.

During the August 2006 to August 2008 reporting period, no sites in WBID 2040 were evaluated for HAs or SCIs. During the September 2008-September 2010 reporting period, one site in WBID 2040 was evaluated for biological health indicators. The results of this assessment are presented below.

Habitat Assessment and Stream Condition Index Results

Station	Assessment Date	In-Stream Characteristics Score	Morphological and Riparian Features Score	Overall Habitat Assessment Score	Overall SCI Score
Myrtle Sough @ SR 31	08/11/2009	40	28	68 Marginal	18 Category 3 ("impaired")

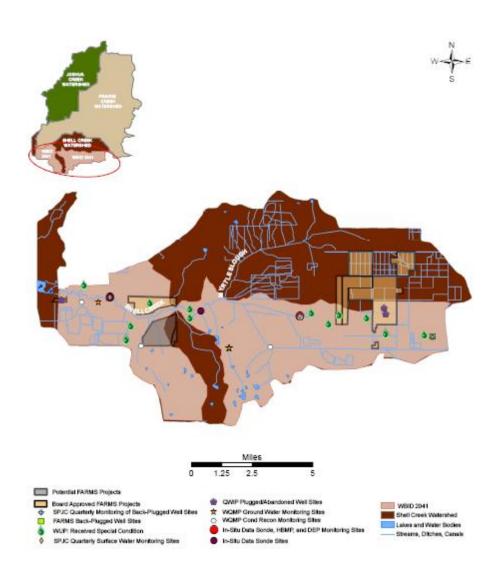
According to FDEP SOP 002/01 LT 7000, stations scored as Category 3 ("impaired") are characterized as having a notable loss of diversity with very tolerant taxa representing a large proportion of the individuals collected.

Water Segment – Myrtle Slough
Shell Creek Watershed; Water Use - Class I
Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – sp. conductance, TDS, chloride

A definitive link between declines in the number and quality of macroinvertebrates and surface waters with elevated specific conductance values from anthropogenic activities has not been determined. However, it is likely that the impairment of the Myrtle Slough @ SR 31 site for the SCI can be directly linked to secondary factors of anthropogenic activities such as runoff which can lead to sedimentation and turbidity. Sedimentation and the resulting high turbidity of surface waters occurs as runoff flows over disturbed agricultural soils, picking up sediments and other small debris which can physically scour the bodies of the macroinvertebrates and smother available habitat and food sources.

Water Segment – Shell Creek
Shell Creek Watershed: Water Use - Class I
Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern:
Sp. Conductance, TDS, Chloride

Water Segment – Shell Creek Shell Creek Watershed: Water Use - Class I Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – sp. conductance, TDS, chloride



Water Segment – Shell Creek Shell Creek Watershed: Water Use - Class I Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – sp. conductance, TDS, chloride

Proposed Management Actions - Progress to Date

Shell, Prairie, and Joshua Creek Well Back-Plugging Program

Since the inception of the Program, two irrigation wells have been back-plugged in WBID 2041. The following table represents water quality improvements for TDS and chloride concentrations at each well directly following back-plug activities. No additional wells were back-plugged in WBID 2041 for the current report period.

Post Well Back-Plugging Water Quality Results in WBID 2041

Permit Information	Percent Improvement		
WUP No.	DID No.	TDS (mg/L)	Chloride (mg/L)
20009648	1	51%	76%
20009648	2	N/A	N/A

Denotes repeated back-plug

District Resource Regulation – Water Use Permitting

In WBID 2041, fourteen Water Use Permit (WUP) applications were submitted to the District over the entire reporting period of performance monitoring (October 2004 to September 2010). Of the fourteen applications five were new permits, six were renewals, and three received letter modifications (see table below). Six received additional special conditions to address water quality concerns in the SPJC watersheds. Detailed explanations for these special conditions can be found in Appendix II.

WUP Renewals and Modifications in WBID 2041

	Oct. 2004 – July 2006	Aug. 2006 – Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008 - Sept. 2010
New WUPs	1	4	0
WUP Renewals	0	1	5
WUP Modifications	0	0	0
WUP Letter Modifications	1	1	1
WUP Owner Transfer	0	0	0
WUPs Conditioned	0	0	6

<u>Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS) and/or Environmental Quality Incentives (EQIP) Projects</u>

Fourteen FARMS projects were Board approved between October 2004 and September 2010 in WBID 2041, one of which has since been cancelled. An additional two FARMS projects were under consideration during this time period. The following table summarizes the projects, as well as ground water offsets that have occurred over the performance monitoring period. Details for each of the below listed projects can be found in Appendix IV:

Water Segment - Shell Creek

Shell Creek Watershed: Water Use - Class I

Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern - sp. conductance, TDS, chloride

Approved and Potential FARMS Projects in WBID 2041; October 2004 through September 2010

Project Number / Type	Project Operational/(Expected Operational) Date	Projected Ground Water Offset (gpd)	**Actual Ground Water Offset as of October 15, 2010 (gpd)	Max. Ground Water Offset Achieved in One Month through October 15, 2010 (gpd)
WUP #20009687 - H512 (row crop) Phase I	April 2006	662,700	578,301	3,568,739
WUP #20009687 – H512 (row crop) Phase II	October 2009	245,700	334,364	871,636
^a WUP #20009476 – H500 (surface water) (citrus)	August 2003	136,000	185,797	706,259
WUP #20009476 - H548 (citrus) (electronics)	June 2008	27,170	-286,049	1,176,019
WUP #20009476 - H575 (citrus) (Phase II)	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled
WUP #20001759 – H534 (sod)	August 2008	197,000	134,866	603,667
^a WUP #20009648 – H508 (row crop)	May 2006	132,500	225,071	809,862
*WUP #20002589	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
WUP #20002689 – H593 (citrus)	(June 2011)	195,000	Under Construction	Under Construction
WUP #20002689 -H588 (citrus)	(December 2012)	145,990	Under Construction	Under Construction
^a WUP #20009417 – H585 (citrus)	(May 2012)	80,000	Under Construction	Under Construction
WUP #20009727 – H581 (citrus)	(January 2012)	26,700	Under Construction	Under Construction
WUP #200013096 – H573 (citrus)	March 2010	23,790	Insufficient Data	Insufficient Data
No WUP Assigned – H563 (citrus)	September 2009	55,200	15,268	22,369
*WUP #20002588 (row crop)	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
*WUP #200010959 (citrus)	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D

^{*}Potential project under consideration between October 2004 and September 2010

Quality of Water Improvement Program (QWIP)

No wells have been plugged/abandoned in WBID 2041 since October 2004.

SPJC Water Quality Monitoring Results - Progress to Date

In-Stream Data Sonde - Conductance Logging Network (District and USGS)

There are currently three YSI[®] 600XLM data sondes deployed in WBID 2041. The following data plots reflect weekly median values for specific conductance, which have been calculated from independent values collected on an hourly frequency.

N/D = Not determined project under consideration

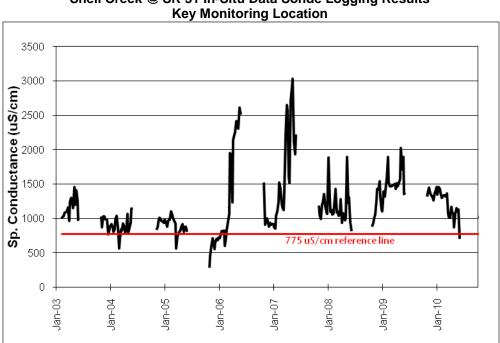
^aFunding also provided by EQIP

^{**}The actual ground water offset fluctuates with weather conditions and seasons. The actual is calculated by dividing the number of days the project has been operational into the total gallons offset.

Water Segment - Shell Creek Shell Creek Watershed: Water Use - Class I Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern - sp. conductance, TDS, chloride

The Shell Creek @ SR 31 data sonde is located in the main channel of Shell Creek in the eastern region of WBID 2041, and was upgraded to include satellite telemetry in October 2008. This monitoring location is near the headwaters of Shell Creek, and is a key surface water monitoring station with data results used by FDEP for TMDL assessments. In contrast to other key monitoring locations in the SPJC, data sonde deployment does not occur year-round at this site due to flooding issues during the wet season. Land uses contributing to this canal include agriculture (citrus), rangeland, wetlands, and upland forested areas. The following data plot shows continuous/hourly logging of specific conductance values for dry season periods (November – May) for February 2003 through September 2010. Low water level conditions and smothering of the data probe by sediment and vegetation have resulted in some missing values for this monitoring location. These erroneous values have been removed from the data set.

Specific conductance values increased during the dry season months of 2005-2007 which in part can be attributed to below average rainfall during this time period. Dry season values decreased significantly in late 2007 to early 2008 and remained in the 1,000 to 1,500 uS/cm range. Values during the current reporting period remain in that range. Two FARMS projects which became operational in 2006 upstream of this monitoring location have made notable improvements in mineralized constituents at this monitoring location.



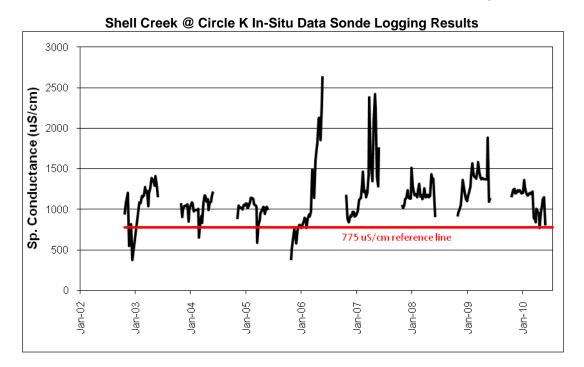
Shell Creek @ SR 31 In-Situ Data Sonde Logging Results

The Shell Creek @ Circle K data sonde is located in the main channel of Shell Creek in the central region of WBID 2041. Satellite telemetry was added to this monitoring location in October 2009. Land use contributing to this canal is predominantly agriculture (citrus). The following data plot shows continuous/hourly logging of specific conductance values for dry season periods (November - May) for October 2002 through May 2010.

Specific conductance values increased during the dry season months of 2005-2009 due to below average rainfall during this time period but show improvement during the 2010 dry period.

Water Segment – Shell Creek Shell Creek Watershed: Water Use - Class I Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – sp. conductance, TDS, chloride

Two FARMS projects which became operational in 2006 upstream of this monitoring location have made notable improvements in mineralized constituents at this monitoring location.



The **Shell Creek** @ **Washington Loop Road** data sonde is located on the main channel of Shell Creek in the southern region of the Shell Creek watershed, just upstream of the Shell Creek Reservoir. Land use in the immediate surrounding area is urban/built up and agriculture. This location is one of the key surface water monitoring stations in WBID 2041, with data results used by FDEP for TMDL assessments. For this reason, data sonde deployment occurs year-round at this site under contract with the USGS. The following data plot shows continuous/hourly logging of specific conductance for weekly median values throughout each year for July 2002 through September 2010.

Below average rainfall amounts during the spring and summer months of 2006, and the impacts on smaller tributaries and canals that provide flow to this location, have resulted in increased trends in weekly median specific conductance values for the 2002-2007 time period. Decreasing specific conductance values measured during more recent years may be attributed to FARMS projects that became operational within this WBID in 2006.

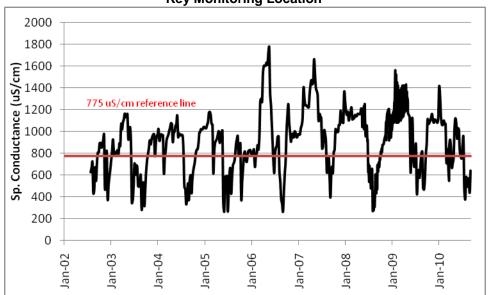
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Water Segment - Shell Creek

Shell Creek Watershed: Water Use - Class I

Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern - sp. conductance, TDS, chloride





Specific Conductance Logging Results in WBID 2041 over Entire Period of Data Record Sites are listed as they are located from east to west throughout WBID 2041

Water Segment	Number Individual Logged Values	Number Individual Values >1275 uS/cm	Percentage of Individual Values >1275 uS/cm	Number Weekly Median Values	Number Weekly Median Values >775 uS/cm	Percentage Weekly Median Values >775 uS/cm
**Shell Creek @ SR 31	42,487	11,389	26.8%	246	231	93.9%
Shell Creek @ Circle K	39,470	7,820	19.8%	245	230	93.9%
**Shell Creek @ Washington Loop	231,371	29,714	12.8%	473	331	70%

^{**}Key Monitoring Location (Class I)

Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Network (District)

Within WBID 2041 there are currently four stations monitored for the Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Network. Individual values for the Shell Creek @ SR 31 station are not presented here since they were discussed previously in the In-Stream Specific Conductance Logging Network section. Of the thirty-one individual specific conductance values collected within WBID 2041 during the period of record, eight values exceeded the 775 uS/cm goal criteria and five values exceeded the FDEP surface-water quality Class I criterion of 1275 uS/cm.

The following table summarizes the percent change increases and/or decreases between dry

Water Segment – Shell Creek Shell Creek Watershed: Water Use - Class I Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – sp. conductance, TDS, chloride

season events for each monitoring station within WBID 2041 during the 2004-2006, 2006-2008, and 2008-2010 reporting periods. Individual values for each dry season event are also provided. Stations that were not flowing during a sample event are denoted as dry in the table.

Overall, dry season percent changes for the 2008-2010 reporting period were either decreasing or not calculated due to dry stations in 2008.

Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Results in WBID 2041: 2004 - 2006

Station	Dry Season 2004 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2004 Value uS/cm	Dry Season 2005 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2005 Value uS/cm	Dry Season 2006 Value uS/cm	Percent change Dry Season 2004 versus Dry Season 2005	Percent change Dry Season 2005 versus Dry Season 2006
Unnamed Cr. @ Washington Lp Rd – #28	1708	467	1559	959	1415	↓8.72%**	↓9.24%**
Unnamed Cr. @ CR 74 - #26	392	63	299	Dry	Dry	↓23.72%**	*
Unnamed Cr. @ CR 74 - #25	Dry	164	331	84	Dry	*	*

^{*} Station dry

Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Results in WBID 2041; 2006 - 2008

Station	Wet Season 2006 Value uS/cm	Dry Season 2007 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2007 Value uS/cm	Dry Season 2008 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2008 Value uS/cm	Percent change Dry Season 2006 versus Dry Season 2007	Percent change Dry Season 2007 versus Dry Season 2008
Unnamed Cr. @ Washington Lp Rd – #28	500	1252	673	Dry	155	↓11.52%	*
Unnamed Cr. @ CR 74 - #26	38	Dry	33	Dry	33	*	*
Unnamed Cr. @ CR 74 - #25	130	Dry	166	Dry	163	*	*

^{*} Station dry

^{**}Values modified since 2004 – 2006 Performance Monitoring Report due to calculation error.

Water Segment - Shell Creek

Shell Creek Watershed: Water Use - Class I

Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – sp. conductance, TDS, chloride

Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Results in WBID 2041; 2009 - 2010

Station	Dry Season 2009 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2009 Value uS/cm	Dry Season 2010 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2010 Value uS/cm	Percent change Dry Season 2008 vs. Dry Season 2009	Percent change Dry Season 2009 vs. Dry Season 2010
Unnamed Cr. @ Washington Lp Rd – #28	1637	586	1269	1337	*	↓22.5%
Unnamed Cr. @ CR 74 - #26	216	39	175	Dry	*	↓19.0%
Unnamed Cr. @ CR 74 - #25	Dry	77	153	403	*	*

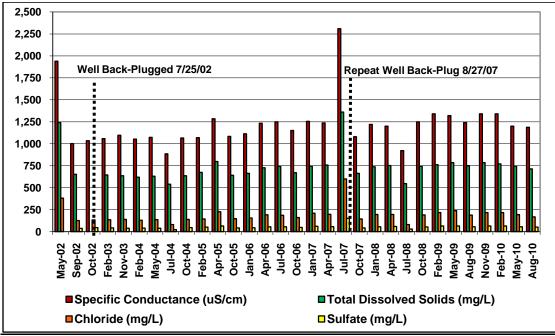
^{*} Station dry

Pre- and Post Back-Plug Well Monitoring Network (District)

There is one back-plugged well in WBID 2041 that is sampled on a quarterly frequency to monitor long-term improvements in water quality, and to also ensure that the back-plugs have remained functional. Monitoring results in July 2007 indicated an increase in mineralized parameters, therefore a repeat back-plug of this well was performed on August 27, 2007.

The following graph represents water quality results throughout the period of data record for this well showing both pre- and post back-plug values for specific conductance, sulfate, chloride, and TDS. Following the second back-plug, this well has retained the integrity of the post back-plug concentrations.

WUP 20009648 - DID No. 1



Surface-Water Quality Monitoring Networks (District, FDEP, and City of Punta Gorda)

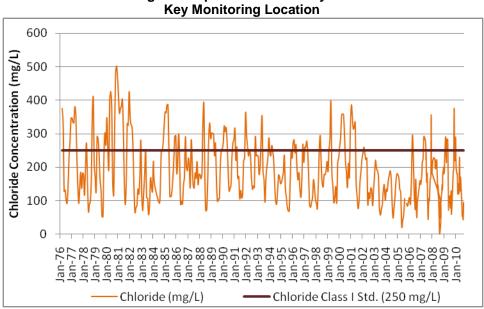
The following graphs represent available water quality results through September 2010 for chloride and TDS concentrations at key Class I monitoring stations; Shell Creek @ Washington

Water Segment - Shell Creek Shell Creek Watershed: Water Use - Class I Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern - sp. conductance, TDS, chloride

Loop Rd. and Shell Creek @ SR 31 in WBID 2041. The data plots for station Shell Creek @ Washington Loop Rd. were generated using historical data from the City of Punta Gorda, as well as data collected by the City since 1991 under the City's WUP requirements. Data were also used for the 2002 through 2010 time frame from monitoring efforts conducted by the FDEP-Fort Myers office.

Numerous values for TDS in both of these data sets were reported as calculated rather than derived from laboratory analyses. For comparative purpose, these data plots also contain reference lines depicting FDEP Class I criteria for chloride (250 mg/L) and TDS (500 mg/L as a monthly average, 1000 mg/L as maximum).

The City also began collecting water quality samples at the Shell Creek @ SR 31 location as a result of deteriorating water quality in the Shell Creek Reservoir during the 2001 drought. This site is not included under the City's WUP monitoring requirements; therefore the period of data record is shorter than some of the monitoring locations in the SPJC. Overall decreasing trends for both chloride and TDS have occurred at both monitoring stations in WBID 2041, with increasing trends evident during 2006-2009 as a result of drought impacts.



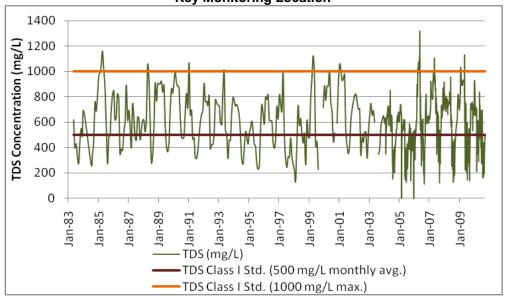
Shell Cr. @ Washington Loop Rd. Water Quality Results for Chloride

Water Segment - Shell Creek

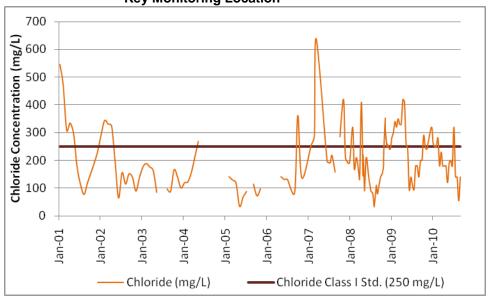
Shell Creek Watershed: Water Use - Class I

Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern - sp. conductance, TDS, chloride

Shell Cr. @ Washington Loop Rd. Water Quality Results for TDS Key Monitoring Location



Shell Cr. @ SR 31 Water Quality Results for Chloride Key Monitoring Location

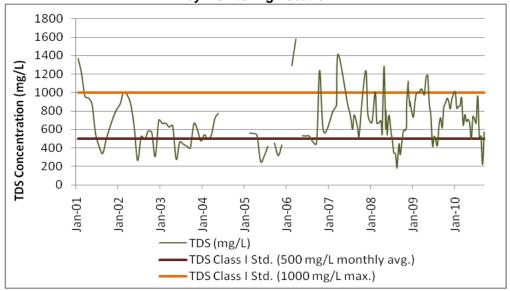


Water Segment - Shell Creek

Shell Creek Watershed: Water Use - Class I

Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – sp. conductance, TDS, chloride





Chloride and TDS Water Quality Results in WBID 2041 over Entire Period of Data Record

Water Segment	Number Individual Reported CI Values	Number Individual CI Values >250 mg/L	Percentage Individual CI Values >250 mg/L	Number Individual Reported TDS Values	Number Individual TDS Values >500 mg/L	Percentage Individual TDS Values >500 mg/L	Number Individual TDS Values >1000 mg/L	Percentage Individual TDS Values >1000 mg/L
**Shell Cr. @ Washington Loop Rd.	472	118	25.0%	1063	721	67.8%	18	1.7%
**Shell Cr. @ SR 31	144	39	27.1%	148	113	76.4%	18	12.2%

^{**}Key Monitoring Location (Class I)

Habitat Assessment and Stream Condition Index Monitoring (FDEP)

In the summer of 2003 and winter of 2004, biological (macroinvertebrate) samples for SCI analysis were collected at Shell Creek @ Circle K. The initial 2004 SCI evaluation of this site was "Excellent."

After the samples were collected and evaluated, a new method of calculating the SCI was developed by FDEP to more accurately reflect the biological condition of streams and effects of development around them. The 2004_ SCI methodology ranks streams as Good, Fair, Poor, or Very Poor. The Shell Creek @ Circle K site was categorized under this new method as "Fair", which indicates a significant change from completely natural conditions, but not a serious degradation of the biological community. Because the SCI_2004 method had not been adopted at the time the samples were collected, the SCI_2004 evaluation is not official, but does provide an additional analysis of the biological condition of the stream system. Both the old and new SCI evaluations do not indicate that water quality is having a detrimental effect on the biological communities at the Shell Creek @ Circle K site.

Water Segment – Shell Creek Shell Creek Watershed: Water Use - Class I Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – sp. conductance, TDS, chloride

During the August 2006 to August 2008 reporting period, no sites in WBID 2041 were evaluated for biological health indicators. Two sites were evaluated for HAs and SCIs during the September 2008 to September 2010 time period. The results of the assessments are presented below.

Habitat Assessment and Stream Condition Index Results

Station	Assessment Date	In-Stream Characteristics Score	Morphological and Riparian Features Score	Overall Habitat Assessment Score	Overall SCI Score
Shell Cr. @ SR 31	06/15/2010	51	63	114 Suboptimal	36 Category 2 ("healthy")
Shell Creek @ Circle K	06/16/2010	55	68	123 Optimal	49 Category 2 ("healthy")

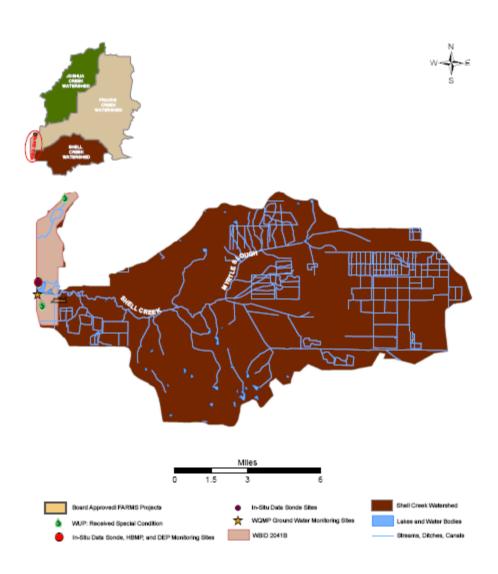
According to FDEP SOP 002/01 LT 7000, stations scored as Category 2 ("healthy") are characterized as having a diverse assemblage of species, with a small increase in dominance by a single taxon; very tolerant taxa represent a small percentage of individuals. The 2010 biological health assessments indicate that water quality is not having a detrimental effect on the biological communities of the Shell Creek @ SR 31 and Shell Creek @ Circle K sites.

Water Segment – Shell Creek Shell Creek Watershed: Water Use - Class I Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – sp. conductance, TDS, chloride

WBID 2041B Water Segment – Shell Creek Reservoir Shell Creek Watershed: Water Use - Class I Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern: None

WBID 2041B

Water Segment – Shell Creek Reservoir Shell Creek Watershed: Water Use - Class I Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None



WBID 2041B

Water Segment – Shell Creek Reservoir Shell Creek Watershed: Water Use - Class I Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None

Proposed Management Actions – Progress to Date

Shell, Prairie, and Joshua Creek Well Back-Plugging Program

To date, no irrigation wells have been back-plugged in WBID 2041B.

District Resource Regulation – Water Use Permitting

In WBID 2041B, two Water Use Permit (WUP) applications were submitted to the District over the entire reporting period of performance monitoring (October 2004 to September 2010). These applications were both renewals. One of these renewals received additional special conditions to address water quality concerns in the SPJC watersheds. The permit that did not will receive the special conditions through a corrected permit process. Detailed explanations for special conditions can be found in Appendix II.

WUP Renewals and Modifications in WBID 2041B

	Oct. 2004 – July 2006	Aug. 2006 – Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008 - Sept. 2010
New WUPs	0	0	0
WUP Renewals	0	1	1
WUP Modifications	0	0	0
WUP Letter Modifications	0	0	0
WUP Owner Transfer	0	0	0
WUPs Conditioned	0	0	1

<u>Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS) and/or Environmental Quality Incentives (EQIP) Projects</u>

One FARMS project has been Board approved in WBID 2041 between October 2004 and September 2010. The following table summarizes this project. Details for this project can be found in Appendix IV:

Approved and Potential FARMS Projects in WBID 2041B; October 2004 through September 2010

Project Number / Type	Project Operational/(Expected Operational) Date	Projected Ground Water Offset (gpd)	**Actual Ground Water Offset as of October 15, 2010 (gpd)	Max. Ground Water Offset Achieved in One Month through October 15, 2010 (gpd)
No WUP (citrus)	September 2009	55,200	15,268	22,369

^{**}The actual ground water offset fluctuates with weather conditions and seasons. The actual is calculated by dividing the number of days the project has been operational into the total gallons offset.

Quality of Water Improvement Program (QWIP)

No wells have been plugged/abandoned in WBID 2041B since October 2004.

SPJC Water Quality Monitoring Results – Progress to Date

In-Stream Data Sonde - Conductance Logging Network (District and USGS)

There is currently one YSI® 600XLM data sonde deployed in WBID 2041B at the **Shell Creek Reservoir.** This Reservoir is the City of Punta Gorda's in-stream, potable water supply source and is located in the southwestern region of the Shell Creek Watershed. This location is also one of the key surface water monitoring stations with data sonde deployment occurring year-round under contract with the USGS. This WBID is not listed as having TMDL verified water

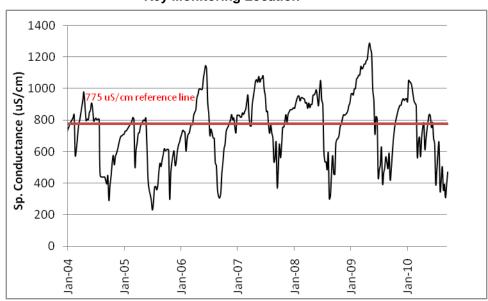
WBID 2041B

Water Segment – Shell Creek Reservoir Shell Creek Watershed: Water Use - Class I Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None

quality impairments for TDS, chloride, or specific conductance. Land uses immediately surrounding the Reservoir include agriculture, urban/built-up, and upland forests.

The following data plots reflect weekly median values for specific conductance, which have been calculated from independent values collected on an hourly frequency from December 2003 through September 2010. Specific conductance values increased during the dry season months of 2005-2009 due to below average rainfall during these time periods and showed decreasing trends during the 2010 dry season period. There is currently one FARMS project under discussion that is located just upstream of the reservoir.

Shell Creek Reservoir In-Situ Data Sonde Logging Results Key Monitoring Location



Specific Conductance Logging Results in WBID 2041B over Entire Period of Data Record

Water Segment	Number Individual Logged Values	Number Individual Values >1275 uS/cm	Percentage of Individual Values >1275 uS/cm	Number Weekly Median Values	Number Weekly Median Values >775 uS/cm	Percentage Weekly Median Values >775 uS/cm
**Shell Cr. Reservoir	171,546	428	0.2%	352	169	48%

^{**}Key Monitoring Location

Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Network (District)

Within WBID 2041B there are no stations currently being monitored for the Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Network.

Pre- and Post Back-Plug Well Monitoring Network (District)

To date no wells in WBID 2041B are monitored as part of the Back-Plug Well Monitoring Network.

WBID 2041B

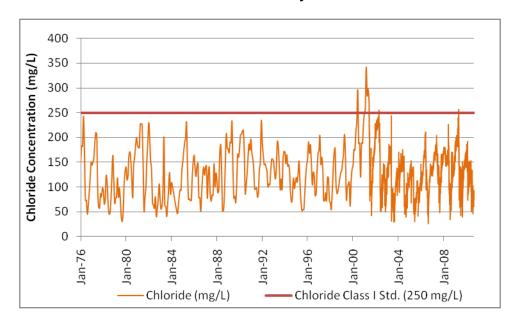
Water Segment – Shell Creek Reservoir Shell Creek Watershed: Water Use - Class I Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None

Surface-Water Quality Monitoring Networks (District, FDEP, and City of Punta Gorda)

The following graphs represent water quality results through September 2010 for chloride and TDS concentrations at the Shell Creek Reservoir (WBID 2041B). These data plots were generated using historical data from the City of Punta Gorda, as well as data collected by the City since 1991 under the City's WUP requirements. Numerous values for TDS in the comprehensive data set were reported as calculated rather than derived from laboratory analyses. Data were also used for the 2002 through 2006 time frame from monitoring efforts conducted by the FDEP-Fort Myers office. For comparative purpose, these data plots also contain reference lines depicting FDEP Class I criteria for chloride (250 mg/L) and TDS (500 mg/L as a monthly average, 1000 mg/L as maximum).

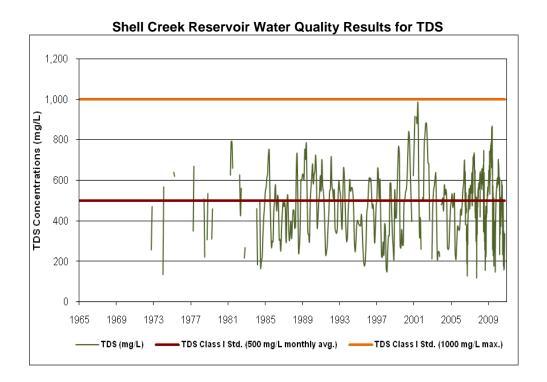
Chloride and TDS concentrations remain relatively consistent throughout the period of data record at the Shell Creek Reservoir, with drought impacts evident during 2000-2001 when chloride and TDS were at their highest levels. Even though rainfall totals during 2006-2009 were less than 2000-2001 totals, management actions within the Shell Creek watershed have assisted with keeping values below the drinking water standard for chloride for all but one value, and below the TDS drinking water standard of 1000 mg/L.

Shell Creek Reservoir Water Quality Results for Chloride



WBID 2041B

Water Segment – Shell Creek Reservoir Shell Creek Watershed: Water Use - Class I Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None



Chloride and TDS Water Quality Results in WBID 2041B over Entire Period of Data Record

Water Segment	Number Individual Reported CI Values	Number Individual CI Values >250 mg/L	Percentage Individual CI Values >250 mg/L	Number Individual Reported TDS Values	Number Individual TDS Values >500 mg/L	Percentage Individual TDS Values >500 mg/L	Number Individual TDS Values >1000 mg/L	Percentage Individual TDS Values >1000 mg/L
**Shell Cr. Reservoir	3660	10	0.27%	1941	1300	67%	0	0.0

^{**}Key Monitoring Location (Class I)

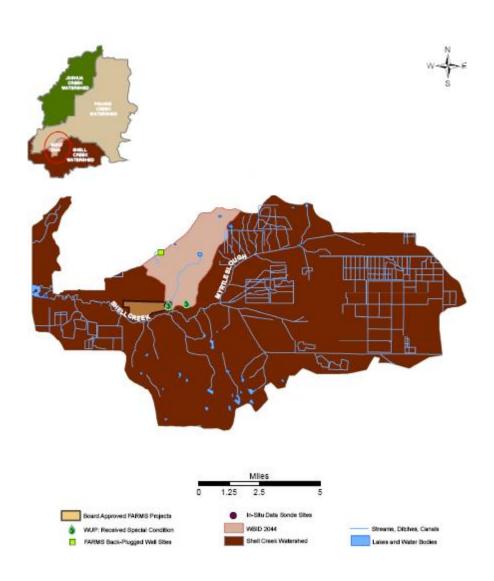
Habitat Assessment and Stream Condition Index Monitoring (FDEP)

There have been no sites in WBID 2041B evaluated for HAs or SCIs during the October 2004 to September 2010 time period.

Water Segment – Cypress Slough Shell Creek Watershed: Water Use - Class I Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern: None

WBID 2044

Water Segment – Cypress Slough Shell Creek Watershed: Water Use - Class I Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None



Water Segment – Cypress Slough Shell Creek Watershed: Water Use - Class I Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None

Proposed Management Actions - Progress to Date

Shell, Prairie, and Joshua Creek Well Back-Plugging Program

To date, no irrigation wells have been back-plugged in WBID 2044.

District Resource Regulation - Water Use Permitting

Two WUP applications were submitted to the District in WBID 2044 during the reporting period of October 2004 to September 2010. Both of these applications were renewals and received additional special conditions to address water quality concerns in the SPJC watersheds. Detailed explanations for special conditions can be found in Appendix II.

WUP Renewals and Modifications in WBID 2044

	Oct. 2004 – July 2006	Aug. 2006 – Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008 - Sept. 2010
New WUPs	0	0	0
WUP Renewals	0	0	2
WUP Modifications	0	0	0
WUP Letter Modifications	0	0	0
WUP Owner Transfer	0	0	0
WUPs Conditioned	0	0	2

<u>Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS) and/or Environmental Quality Incentives (EQIP) Projects</u>

Six FARMS projects were Board approved in WBID 2044 between October 2004 and September 2010, one of which has since been cancelled. The following table summarizes the projects, as well as ground water offsets that have occurred over the performance monitoring period. Details for each of the below listed projects can be found in Appendix IV.

Approved and Potential FARMS Projects in WBID 2044; October 2004 through September 2010

Project Number / Type	Project Operational/(Expected Operational) Date	Projected Ground Water Offset (gpd)	**Actual Ground Water Offset as of October 15, 2010 (gpd)	Max. Ground Water Offset Achieved in One Month through October 15, 2010 (gpd)
WUP #20009398 - H501 (citrus) Phase I	October 2003	120,700	See phase II, offsets combined	See phase II, offsets combined
WUP #20009398 – H501 (citrus) Phase II	August 2005	60,300	514,107	2,463,548
WUP #20009398 – H501 (citrus) Phase III	October, 2011	1,000,000	Under Construction	Under Construction
WUP #20001759 – H534 (sod)	August 2008	197,000	134,866	603,667
WUP #20003275 – H507 (citrus)	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled
WUP #20009727 – H581 (citrus)	(January 2012)	26,700	Under Construction	Under Construction

^{*}Potential project under consideration between October 2004 and September 2010

N/D = Not determined project under consideration

^{**}The actual ground water offset fluctuates with weather conditions and seasons. The actual is calculated by dividing the number of days the project has been operational into the total gallons offset.

Water Segment – Cypress Slough Shell Creek Watershed: Water Use - Class I Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None

Quality of Water Improvement Program (QWIP)

There have been no wells plugged/abandoned in WBID 2044 since October 2004.

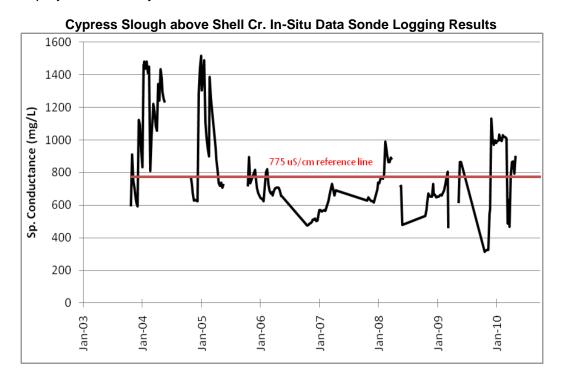
SPJC Water Quality Monitoring Results – Progress to Date

In-Stream Data Sonde - Conductance Logging Network (District and USGS)

There is currently one YSI[®] 600XLM data sonde deployed at station *Cypress Slough above Shell Creek*, and this monitoring station was upgraded with satellite telemetry in October 2009. This slough is located in the central region of the Shell Creek Watershed and provides flows to Shell Creek. The majority of land use surrounding this monitoring location is agriculture.

The following data plot shows weekly median values for specific conductance, which have been calculated from independent values collected on an hourly frequency during dry season periods (November – May) from November 2003 through September 2010. Infrequent smothering of the data probe by sediment has caused some loss of data at this site during periods of low flow conditions. These erroneous values have been removed from the data set.

Notable decreases in weekly median specific conductance values have occurred during the dry season months of 2005-2010 when compared to the 2003-2005 time period, with no values exceeding the Class III criteria for specific conductance (1275 uS/cm) since 2004-2005. Five FARMS projects have been initiated in the upstream regions of this monitoring location, and one additional project is currently under review.



Water Segment - Cypress Slough Shell Creek Watershed: Water Use - Class I Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern - None

Specific Conductance Logging Results in WBID 2044 over Entire Period of Data Record

Water Segment	Number Individual Logged Values	Number Individual Values >1275 uS/cm	Percentage of Individual Values >1275 uS/cm	Number Weekly Median Values	Number Weekly Median Values >775 uS/cm	Percentage Weekly Median Values >775 uS/cm
Cypress Slough above Shell Cr.	31,608	3,730	11.8%	218	73	33.5%

<u>Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Network (District)</u>
Within WBID 2044 there are no stations currently being monitored for the Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Network.

Pre- and Post Back-Plug Well Monitoring Network (District)

To date, no wells in WBID 2044 are monitored as part of the Back-Plug Well Monitoring Network.

Surface-Water Quality Monitoring Networks (District, FDEP, and City of Punta Gorda)

There are no water quality sample collection activities occurring in WBID 2044 at this time.

Habitat Assessment and Stream Condition Index Monitoring

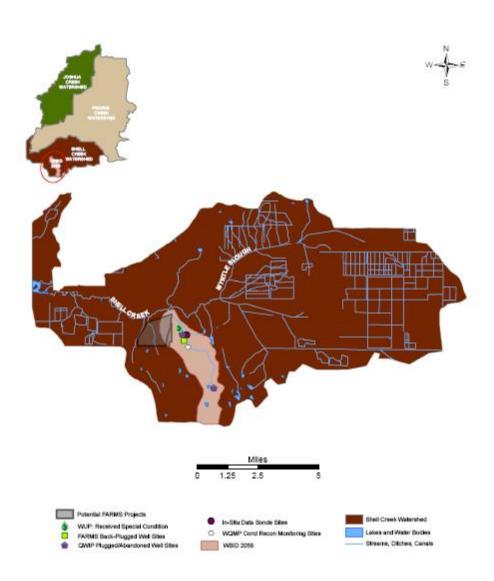
There have been no sites assessed for HAs or SCIs in WBID 2044 throughout the October 2004 to September 2010 reporting periods.

Water Segment – Cypress Slough Shell Creek Watershed: Water Use - Class I Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None

WBID 2058
Water Segment – Unnamed Ditch
Shell Creek Watershed: Water Use – Class 3F
Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern: None

WBID 2058

Water Segment – Unnamed Ditch Shell Creek Watershed: Water Use – Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None



Proposed Management Actions - Progress to Date

Shell, Prairie, and Joshua Creek Well Back-Plugging Program

Two wells were back-plugged in WBID 2058 during the current report. The following table represents water quality improvements for TDS and chloride concentrations at the well directly following back-plug activities.

Pre- and Post Well Back-Plugging Results in WBID 1964

Permit Information	Percent Improvement		
WUP No.	WUP No. DID No.		Chloride (mg/L)
20009926	1	1%	-1%
20009926	5	40%	38%

<u>District Resource Regulation – Water Use Permitting</u>

In WBID 2058, two Water Use Permit (WUP) applications were submitted to the District over the entire reporting period of performance monitoring (October 2004 to September 2010). These applications were both for WUP renewals. The renewal during the 2006 to 2008 period did not receive additional special conditions to address water quality concerns in the SPJC watersheds. This permit will receive the special conditions through a corrected permit process. The renewal issued during the 2008 to 2010 period did receive additional special conditions. Detailed explanations for special conditions applied to all WUPs in the SPJC Watersheds can be found in Appendix II.

WUP Renewals and Modifications in WBID 2058

	Oct. 2004 – July 2006	Aug. 2006 – Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008 - Sept. 2010
New WUPs	0	0	0
WUP Renewals	0	1	1
WUP Modifications	0	0	0
WUP Letter Modifications	0	0	0
WUP Owner Transfer	0	0	0
WUPs Conditioned	0	0	1

<u>Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS) and/or Environmental Quality Incentives (EQIP) Projects</u>

Three FARMS projects were Board approved in WBID 2058 between October 2004 and September 2010, one of which has since been cancelled. The following table summarizes the projects, as well as ground water offsets that have occurred over the performance monitoring period. Details for each of the below listed projects can be found in Appendix IV.

Approved and Potential FARMS Projects in WBID 2058; October 2004 through September 2010

Project Number / Type	Project Operational/(Expected Operational) Date	Projected Ground Water Offset (gpd)	**Actual Ground Water Offset as of October 15, 2010 (gpd)	Max. Ground Water Offset Achieved in One Month through October 15, 2010 (gpd)
^a WUP #20009476 – H500 (surface water) (citrus)	August 2003	136,000	185,797	706,259
WUP #20009476 – H548 (citrus) (electronics)	June 2008	27,170	-286,049	1,176,019
WUP #20009476 – H575 (citrus)(Phase II)	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled

^{*}Potential project under consideration between October 2004 and September 2010

^{**}The actual ground water offset fluctuates with weather conditions and seasons. The actual is calculated by dividing the number of days the project has been operational into the total gallons offset.

^aFunding also provided by EQIP

Quality of Water Improvement Program (QWIP)

There have been no wells plugged/abandoned in WBID 2058 since October 2004.

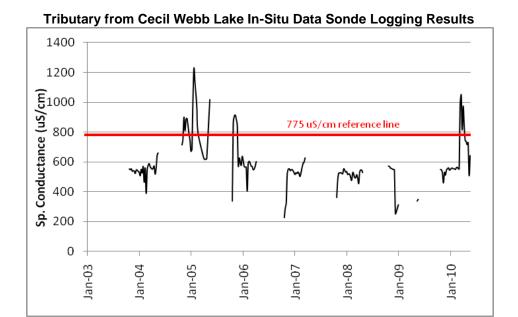
SPJC Water Quality Monitoring Results – Progress to Date

In-Stream Data Sonde - Conductance Logging Network (District and USGS)

There is currently one YSI® 600XLM data sonde deployed in WBID 2058 at station *Tributary from Cecil Webb Lake*. This site is located in the central region of the Shell Creek Watershed, and flows from this small tributary enter Shell Creek. The major contributing land uses surrounding this water body are rangelands and upland forests, and the majority of flow contributing to this tributary originates from a small lake.

The following data plot shows weekly median values for specific conductance, which have been calculated from independent values collected on an hourly frequency during dry season periods (November – May) from November 2003 through September 2010. The tributary went dry at the beginning of April 2006; therefore, no data are available for the months of April and May 2006.

Increases in weekly median values for specific conductance during the November 2004 through May 2005 time frame occurred because the lake that is the headwaters of this tributary was being augmented by a Floridan aquifer well with elevated concentrations of mineralized ground water. Regulatory actions undertaken in the summer of 2005 have resulted in decreasing conductance concentration values throughout the remaining period of record (refer to Case Study No. 3 in the SPCWMP Reasonable Assurance document). A FARMS project is currently operating downstream, and to the west, of this data collection site and an additional project is under discussion. Increases during the current reporting period are likely due to extended drought conditions.



Specific Conductance Logging Results in WBID 2058 over Entire Period of Data Record

Water Segment	Number Individual Logged Values	Number Individual Values >1275 uS/cm	Percentage of Individual Values >1275 uS/cm	Number Weekly Median Values	Number Weekly Median Values >775 uS/cm	Percentage Weekly Median Values >775 uS/cm
Tributary from Cecil Webb Lake	24,804	0	0%	169	23	13.6%

<u>Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Network (District)</u>
Within WBID 2058 there is one station currently being monitored for the Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Network. Of the ten individual specific conductance values collected within WBID 2058 during the period of record, no values exceeded either the 775 uS/cm goal criteria or the FDEP surface-water quality Class I criterion of 1275 uS/cm. The following tables summarize the percent change increases and/or decreases between dry season events for this monitoring station within WBID 2058 during the 2004 to 2006, 2006 to 2008, and 2008 to 2010 reporting periods. Individual values for each dry season event are also provided. Stations that were not flowing during a sample event are denoted in the following table as dry.

Overall, dry season percent changes for the 2008-2010 reporting period were either decreasing or not calculated due to dry stations in 2008.

Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Results in WBID 2058: 2004 - 2006

Station	Dry Season 2004 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2004 Value uS/cm	Dry Season 2005 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2005 Value uS/cm	Dry Season 2006 Value uS/cm	Percent change Dry Season 2004 versus Dry Season 2005	Percent change Dry Season 2005 versus Dry Season 2006
Trib. From Cecil Webb	Dry	420	691	568	Dry	*	*

^{*} Station dry

Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Results in WBID 2058; 2006 - 2008

Station	Wet Season 2006 Value uS/cm	Dry Season 2007 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2007 Value uS/cm	Dry Season 2008 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2008 Value uS/cm	Percent change Dry Season 2006 versus Dry Season 2007	Percent change Dry Season 2007 versus Dry Season 2008
Trib. From Cecil Webb	213	Dry	171	Dry	233	*	*

^{*} Station dry

Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Results in WBID 2058; 2009 - 2010

Station	Dry Season 2009 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2009 Value uS/cm	Dry Seaso n 2010 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2010 Value uS/cm	Percent change Dry Season 2008 vs. Dry Season 2009	Percent change Dry Season 2009 vs. Dry Season 2010
Trib. From Cecil Webb	563	233	507	264	*	↓9.9%

^{*} Station dry

Pre- and Post Back-Plug Well Monitoring Network (District)

To date, no wells in WBID 2058 are monitored as part of the Back-Plug Well Monitoring Network.

<u>Surface-Water Quality Monitoring Networks (District, FDEP, and City of Punta Gorda)</u>

There are no water quality sample collection activities occurring in WBID 2058 at this time.

Habitat Assessment and Stream Condition Index Monitoring

During the October 2004 to August 2008 reporting periods, no sites in WBID 2058 were evaluated for biological health indicators. One site was evaluated for HAs and SCIs during the September 2008 to September 2010 time period. The results of this assessment are presented below.

Habitat Assessment and Stream Condition Index Results

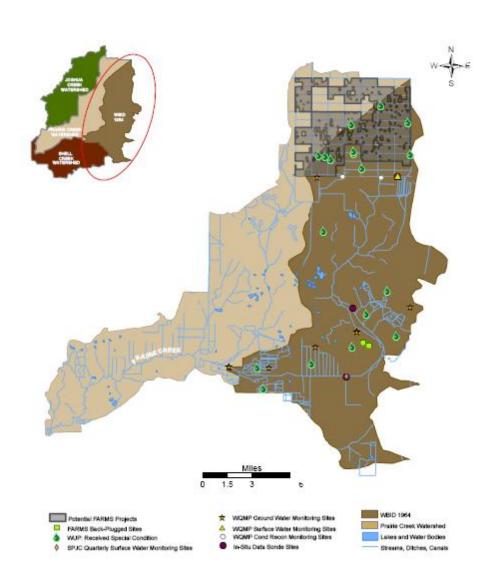
Station	Assessment Date	In-Stream Characteristics Score	Morphological and Riparian Features Score	Overall Habitat Assessment Score	Overall SCI Score
Trib. From Cecil Webb	06/16/2010	46	64	110 Suboptimal	62 Category 2 ("healthy")

According to FDEP SOP 002/01 LT 7000, stations scored as Category 2 ("healthy") are characterized as having a diverse assemblage of species, with a small increase in dominance by a single taxon; very tolerant taxa represent a small percentage of individuals. This assessment indicates that water quality is not having a detrimental effect on biological communities at the Tributary from Cecil Webb station.

WBID 1964 Water Segment – Cow Slough Prairie Creek Watershed: Water Use – Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern: None

WBID 1964

Water Segment – Cow Slough Prairie Creek Watershed: Water Use – Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None



Water Segment – Cow Slough Prairie Creek Watershed: Water Use – Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None

Proposed Management Actions – Progress to Date

Shell, Prairie, and Joshua Creek Well Back-Plugging Program

Since the inception of this Program, a total of three irrigation wells have been back-plugged in WBID 1964. The following table represents water quality improvements for chloride and TDS concentrations at each well directly following back-plugging activities. No additional wells have been back-plugged since October 2004.

Pre- and Post Well Back-Plugging Results in WBID 1964

Permit Information	Percent Improvement		
WUP No.	DID No.	TDS (mg/L)	Chloride (mg/L)
20006275	5	N/A	N/A
20006872	66	67%	76%
20006872	76	85%	89%

<u> District Resource Regulation – Water Use Permitting</u>

In WBID 1964, nineteen Water Use Permit (WUP) applications were submitted to the District over the entire reporting period of performance monitoring (October 2004 to September 2010). Of the nineteen applications one was a new permit, sixteen were renewals, and two were letter modifications. Ten of the applications received special conditions to address water quality concerns in the SPJC watersheds. The remaining permits will receive the special conditions through a corrected permit process. Detailed explanations for special conditions applied to all WUPs in the SPJC Watersheds can be found in Appendix II.

WUP Renewals and Modifications in WBID 1964

	Oct. 2004 - July 2006	Aug. 2006 – Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008 - Sept. 2010
New WUPs	0	1	0
WUP Renewals	1	7	8
WUP Modifications	0	0	0
WUP Letter Modifications	1	1	0
WUP Owner Transfer	0	0	0
WUPs Conditioned	1	1	8

<u>Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS) and/or Environmental</u> Quality Incentives (EQIP) Projects

Three FARMS projects were Board approved in WBID 1964 and one project was under consideration between October 2004 and September 2010. The following table summarizes the projects, as well as projected ground water offsets. Details for each of the below listed projects can be found in Appendix IV.

Potential FARMS Projects in WBID 1964; October 2004 through September 2010

Project Number / Type	Project Operational/(Expected Operational) Date	Projected Ground Water Offset (gpd)	**Actual Ground Water Offset as of October 15, 2010 (gpd)	Max. Ground Water Offset Achieved in One Month through October 15, 2010 (gpd)
WUP #20002386 (citrus, sod)	April 2009	225,100	84,893	160,000
WUP #20002386 (citrus)	(June 2011)	432,000	Under Construction	Under Construction
WUP #20003530 (citrus)	June 2004	142,600	175,195	N/D
*WUP #20006872 (citrus)	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D

^{*}Potential project under consideration between October 2004 and September 2010

Quality of Water Improvement Program (QWIP)

There have been no wells plugged/abandoned in WBID 1964 since October 2004.

SPJC Water Quality Monitoring Results – Progress to Date

In-Stream Data Sonde - Conductance Logging Network (District and USGS)

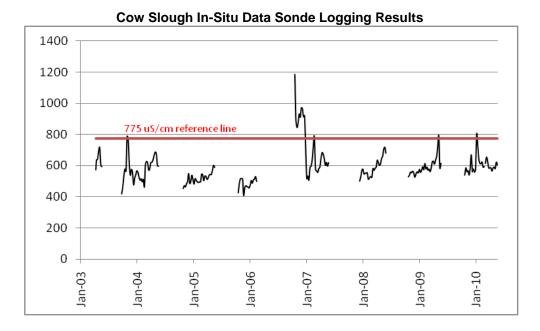
There are currently three YSI[®] 600XLM data sondes deployed in WBID 1964, which is located in the eastern region of the Prairie Creek Watershed. The following data plots reflect weekly median values for specific conductance, which have been calculated from independent values collected on an hourly frequency.

The *Cow Slough* data sonde is located in an agricultural canal in the northern area of WBID 1964 on SR 70. Flows from this canal do not contribute directly to Prairie Creek, but travel south through a large wetland area before entering Montgomery Canal (which then becomes Prairie Creek). Land use in the immediate surrounding areas of this canal is predominantly agriculture (citrus). The following data plot shows weekly median values from continuous/hourly logging of specific conductance values for dry season periods (November – May) for April 2003 through September 2010.

The majority of specific conductance values over the period of data record, have been below the 775 uS/cm goal, with values above the goal during the October to December 2006 time period, one in 2009 and one in 2010. No values have exceeded the 1275 uS/cm Class III surface water criteria for specific conductance at this monitoring location. A FARMS project is operational upstream of this monitoring location.

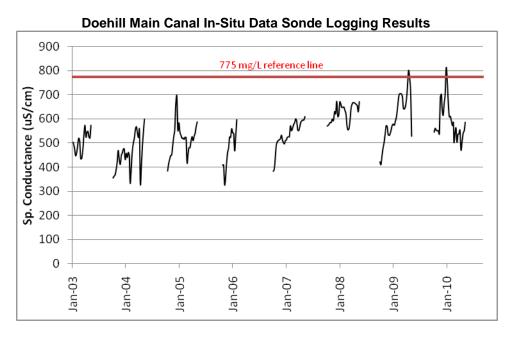
^{**}The actual ground water offset fluctuates with weather conditions and seasons. The actual is calculated by dividing the number of days the project has been operational into the total gallons offset.

N/D = Not determined, project under consideration



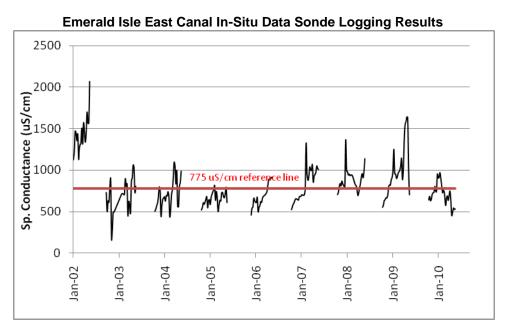
The **Doehill Main Canal** data sonde is located in an agricultural canal in the central region of WBID 1964. Flows from this canal contribute directly to Prairie Creek via Montgomery Canal. Land uses in the immediate surrounding region of this canal include wetlands, rangelands, and small areas of agriculture.

The following data plot shows median weekly values derived from continuous/hourly logging of specific conductance for dry season periods (November – May) for January 2003 through September 2010. The data sonde malfunctioned during March – May 2006 therefore, no data exist for these months. The majority of the weekly median specific conductance values have been below the 775 uS/cm goal over the data period of record. No FARMS projects have been established in the immediate area of this monitoring location.



The **Emerald Isle East Canal** data sonde is located in an agricultural canal in the south-central region of WBID 1964, and flows from this canal contribute directly to Prairie Creek. Land use in the immediate area of this canal is predominantly agriculture (sod farming) with some wetlands and rangelands. The following data plot shows weekly median values for continuous/hourly logging of specific conductance values for dry season periods (November - May) for January 2002 through September 2010.

In the Fall of 2004 a large portion of the sod farming operation located upstream of this monitoring site was discontinued. Therefore, noticeable decreases in specific conductance occurred since this time period. Drought impacts are evident by increases in values over the 2007-2009 dry season months. During the current reporting period specific conductance values appear to be improving. One potential FARMS project, that is located on a property just north of this monitoring location, is under discussion. Additionally, three wells have been back-plugged in the upstream region of this location.



Specific Conductance Logging Results in WBID 1964 over Entire Period of Data Record

Water Segment	Number Individual Logged Values	Number Individual Values >1275 uS/cm	Percentage of Individual Values >1275 uS/cm	Number Weekly Median Values	Number Weekly Median Values >775 uS/cm	Percentage Weekly Median Values >775 uS/cm
Cow Slough	38,517	0	0%	208	15	7.2%
*Doehill Main Canal	37,707	0	0%	221	4	1.8%
*Emerald Isle East Canal	46,181	3,760	8.1%	260	121	46.5%

^{*}Monitoring site located in agricultural canal – not on main channel of Prairie Creek.

<u>Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Network (District)</u>
Within WBID 1964 there are currently two stations monitored for the Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Network. Of the nineteen individual specific conductance values collected within WBID 1964 during the period of record, one value exceeded the 775 uS/cm goal criteria and no values exceeded the FDEP surface-water quality Class I criterion of 1275 uS/cm.

The following tables summarize the percent change increases and/or decreases between dry season events for each monitoring station within WBID 1964 during the 2004- 2006, 2006-2008, and 2008-2010 reporting periods. Individual values for each dry season event are also provided. Stations that were not flowing during a sample event have been recorded as dry.

Dry season percent changes for the 2008-2010 reporting period were mixed for one of the WBID 1964 stations; the other station had percent changes that were either decreasing or not calculated for the reporting period due to dry stations in 2008.

Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Results in WBID 1964; 2004 - 2006

Station	Dry Season 2004 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2004 Value uS/cm	Dry Season 2005 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2005 Value uS/cm	Dry Season 2006 Value uS/cm	Percent change Dry Season 2004 versus Dry Season 2005	Percent change Dry Season 2005 versus Dry Season 2006
Unnamed Cr. @ SR 70 - #2	479	290	641	367	707	↑33.82%**	↑10.30% * *
Unnamed Cr. @ SR 70 - #33	Dry	114	Dry	Dry	Dry	*	*

^{*} Station dry

Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Results in WBID 1964; 2006 - 2008

Station	Wet Season 2006 Value uS/cm	Dry Season 2007 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2007 Value uS/cm	Dry Season 2008 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2008 Value uS/cm	Percent change Dry Season 2006 versus Dry Season 2007	Percent change Dry Season 2007 versus Dry Season 2008
Unnamed Cr. @ SR 70 - #2	540	586	662	653	600	↓17.11%	↑11.43%
Unnamed Cr. @ SR 70 - #33	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	126	*	*

^{*} Station dry

Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Results in WBID 1964; 2009 - 2010

Station	Dry Season 2009 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2009 Value uS/cm	Dry Season 2010 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2010 Value uS/cm	Percent change Dry Season 2008 vs. Dry Season 2009	Percent change Dry Season 2009 vs. Dry Season 2010
Unnamed Cr. @ SR 70 - #2	780	549	619	Dry	_↑ 19.4%	↓20.6%
Unnamed Cr. @ SR 70 - #33	368	575	140	389	*	↓62.0%

^{*} Station dry

Pre- and Post Back-Plug Well Monitoring Network (District)

To date, no wells in WBID 1964 are monitored as part of the Back-Plug Well Monitoring Network.

Surface-Water Quality Monitoring Networks (District, FDEP, and City of Punta Gorda)

The following table represents water quality results through July 2006 for chloride and TDS concentrations at two monitoring stations in WBID 1964. Since these monitoring sites are not considered key index stations, graphical results are not presented in the main body of the report

^{**}Values modified since 2004 – 2006 Performance Monitoring Report due to calculation error.

but can be found in Appendix I. The following information was generated using data from the District's SPJC quarterly monitoring network.

Chloride and TDS Water Quality Results in WBID 1964 over Entire Period of Data Record Sites are listed as they are located from north to south throughout WBID 1964

Water Segment	Number Individual Reported CI Values	Number Individual CI Values >250 mg/L	Percentage Individual CI Values >250 mg/L	Number Individual Reported TDS Values	Number Individual TDS Values >500 mg/L	Percentage Individual TDS Values >500 mg/L	Number Individual TDS Values >1000 mg/L	Percentage Individual TDS Values >1000 mg/L
*Cow Slough	75	0	N/A	76	1	1.3%	0	0%
*Emerald Isle East Canal	49	2	4.1%	49	11	22.4%	0	0%

^{*}Monitoring site located in agricultural canal – not on main channel of Prairie Creek

Habitat Assessment and Stream Condition Index Monitoring

During the October 2004 to August 2008 reporting periods, no sites in WBID 1964 were evaluated for biological health indicators. Two sites were evaluated for HAs and SCIs during the September 2008 to September 2010 time period. The results of the assessments are presented below.

Habitat Assessment and Stream Condition Index Results

Station	Assessment Date	In-Stream Characteristics Score	Morphological and Riparian Features Score	Overall Habitat Assessment Score	Overall SCI Score
Emerald Isle East Canal	06/17/2010	26	22	48 Marginal	27 Category 3 ("impaired")
Doehill Main Canal	06/17/2010	15	50	65 Marginal	31 Category 3 ("impaired")

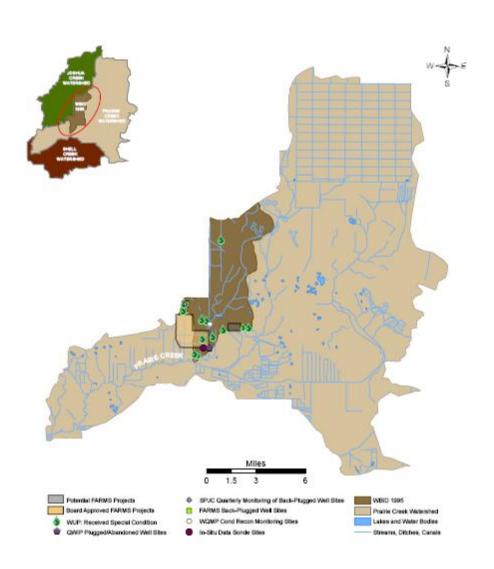
According to FDEP SOP 002/01 LT 7000, stations scored as Category 3 ("impaired") are characterized as having a notable loss of diversity with very tolerant taxa representing a large proportion of the individuals collected.

A definitive link between declines in the number and quality of macroinvertebrates and surface waters with elevated specific conductance values from anthropogenic activities has not been determined. However, it is likely that the impairment of the Emerald Isle East Canal and Doehill Main Canal sites for the SCI can be directly linked to secondary factors of anthropogenic activities such as runoff which can lead to sedimentation and turbidity. Sedimentation and the resulting high turbidity of surface waters occurs as runoff flows over disturbed agricultural soils, picking up sediments and other small debris which can physically scour the bodies of the macroinvertebrates and smother available habitat and food sources.

WBID 1995
Water Segment – Myrtle Slough
Prairie Creek Watershed: Water Use - Class I
Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern: None

WBID 1995

Water Segment – Myrtle Slough Prairie Creek Watershed: Water Use - Class I Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None



Water Segment – Myrtle Slough Prairie Creek Watershed: Water Use - Class I Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None

Proposed Management Actions - Progress to Date

Shell, Prairie, and Joshua Creek Well Back-Plugging Program

Since the inception of the Well Back-Plugging Program, one irrigation well has been back-plugged in WBID 1995. The following table represents water quality improvements for chloride and TDS concentrations at this well directly following back-plugging activities. No additional wells have been back-plugged since October 2004.

Pre- and Post Well Back-Plugging Results in WBID 1995

Permit Information	Percent Ir	mprovement	
WUP No.	TDS (mg/L)	Chloride (mg/L)	
20010971	1	57%	86%

District Resource Regulation – Water Use Permitting

In WBID 1995, fourteen Water Use Permit (WUP) applications were submitted to the District over the entire reporting period of performance monitoring (October 2004 to September 2010). Of the fourteen applications four were new permits, eight were renewals, and two were letter modifications. Six of the applications received additional special conditions to address water quality concerns in the SPJC watersheds. The remaining permits will receive the special conditions through a corrected permit process. Detailed explanations for special conditions applied to all WUPs in the SPJC Watersheds can be found in Appendix II.

WUP Renewals and Modifications in WBID 1995

	Oct. 2004 – July 2006	Aug. 2006 – Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008 - Sept. 2010
New WUPs	2	2	0
WUP Renewals	2	3	3
WUP Modifications	0	0	0
WUP Letter Modifications	1	1	0
WUP Owner Transfer	0	0	0
WUPs Conditioned	1	2	3

<u>Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS) and/or Environmental Quality Incentives (EQIP) Projects</u>

Five FARMS projects were Board approved in WBID 1995 between October 2004 and September 2010, one of which has since been cancelled. An additional three FARMS projects were under consideration during this time period. The following table summarizes the projects, as well as ground water offsets that have occurred over the performance monitoring period. Details for each of the below listed projects can be found in Appendix IV:

Water Segment – Myrtle Slough Prairie Creek Watershed: Water Use - Class I Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None

FARMS Projects in WBID 1995; October 2004 – September 2010

Project Number / Type	Project Operational/ (Expected Operational) Date	Projected Ground Water Offset (gpd)	**Actual Ground Water Offset as of October 15, 2010 (gpd)	Max. Ground Water Offset Achieved in One Month through October 15, 2010 (gpd)
WUP #20006765 (citrus) Phase I	August 2006	222,500	324,080	1,175,689
WUP #20006765 (citrus) Phase 2	March 2009	76,980	227,954	651,258
^a WUP #20006765 (citrus) Phase 3	June, 2010	348,400	768,967	768,967
WUP #200012818 (blueberries)	January 2009	109,800	252,667	681,613
WUP #20002418, 20012818, 20009716 (blueberries, electronics)	February 2010	25,000	-88,111	202,170
WUP #20008287 (citrus)	N/D	14,400	Cancelled	Cancelled
*WUP # 20003069 (citrus)	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
*WUP 200009782 (citrus)	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D

^{*}Potential project under consideration between October 2004 and September 2010

Quality of Water Improvement Program (QWIP)

From October 1, 2003 to date, one well has been plugged/abandoned through the QWIP Program in WBID 1995. The well was associated with WUP No. 20003069.08, DID number 4. It had a casing diameter of 12 inches, a casing depth of approximately 80 feet, and a total depth of 606 feet below land surface. The specific conductance at the time the well had geophysical logging performed on February 24, 2003 was 863 uS/cm. The well was plugged on January 29, 2004.

SPJC Water Quality Monitoring Results - Progress to Date

In-Stream Data Sonde - Conductance Logging Network (District and USGS)

There is currently one YSI[®] 600XLM data sonde deployed in WBID 1995 in *Myrtle Slough*. This data sonde site is located in the southern region of WBID 1995 in the Prairie Creek watershed and was upgraded with satellite telemetry in October 2009. Land uses immediately surrounding this monitoring location are predominantly agriculture (citrus). The following data plot shows continuous/hourly logging of specific conductance values for dry season periods (November – May) for December 2003 through September 2010. The data sonde was smothered by sediment during March – May 2004 therefore, no data exist for this time period.

The following data plot reflects weekly median values for specific conductance, which have been calculated from independent values collected on an hourly frequency. Specific

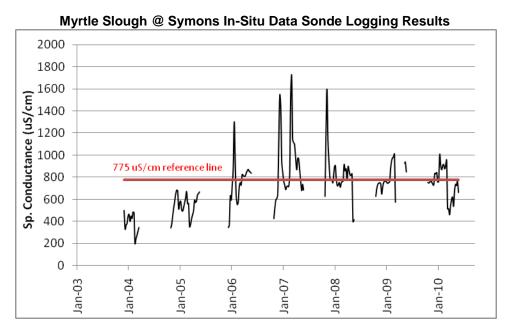
N/D = Not determined project under consideration

^aFunding also provided by EQIP

^{**}The actual ground water offset fluctuates with weather conditions and seasons. The actual is calculated by dividing the number of days the project has been operational into the total gallons offset.

Water Segment – Myrtle Slough Prairie Creek Watershed: Water Use - Class I Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None

conductance concentrations show an increasing trend throughout the first half of the period of data record. Values in the current reporting period indicate improving conditions. Two FARMS projects are now operational in the upstream region of this data sonde location, and three additional projects are under discussion. A table located at the end of this section provides the overall data sonde specific conductance monitoring results for WBID 1995.



Specific Conductance Logging Results in WBID 1995 over Entire Period of Data Record

Water Segment	Number Individual Logged Values	Number Individual Values >1275 uS/cm	Percentage of Individual Values >1275 uS/cm	Number Weekly Median Values	Number Weekly Median Values >775 uS/cm	Percentage Weekly Median Values >775 uS/cm
Myrtle Slough @ Symons	31,623	1,013	3.2%	184	64	34.8%

Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Network (District)

Within WBID 1995 there is currently one station monitored for the Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Network. Of the eleven individual specific conductance values collected within WBID 1995 during the period of record, one value exceeded the 775 uS/cm goal criteria and no values exceeded the FDEP surface-water quality Class I criterion of 1275 uS/cm. The following tables summarize the percent change increases and/or decreases between dry season events for each monitoring station within WBID 1995 during the 2004-2006, 2006-2008, and 2008-2010 reporting periods. Individual values for each dry season event are also provided. Stations that were not flowing during a sample event are denoted below as dry.

Overall, dry season percent changes for the 2008-2010 reporting period were either decreasing or not calculated due to dry stations in 2008.

Water Segment – Myrtle Slough Prairie Creek Watershed: Water Use - Class I Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None

Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Results in WBID 1995; 2004 - 2006

Station	Dry Season 2004 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2004 Value uS/cm	Dry Season 2005 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2005 Value uS/cm	Dry Season 2006 Value uS/cm	Percent change Dry Season 2004 versus Dry Season 2005	Percent change Dry Season 2005 versus Dry Season 2006
Myrtle Slough @ Pine Island Rd #30	652	208	572	312	Dry	↓12.27%**	*

^{*} Station dry.

Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Results in WBID 1995; 2006 - 2008

Station	Wet Season 2006 Value uS/cm	Dry Season 2007 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2007 Value uS/cm	Dry Season 2008 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2008 Value uS/cm	Percent change Dry Season 2006 versus Dry Season 2007	Percent change Dry Season 2007 versus Dry Season 2008
Myrtle Slough @ Pine Island Rd #30	280	Dry	256	Dry	466	*	*

^{*} Station dry.

Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Results in WBID 1995: 2009 - 2010

Station	Dry Season 2009 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2009 Value uS/cm	Dry Season 2010 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2010 Value uS/cm	Percent change Dry Season 2008 vs. Dry Season 2009	Percent change Dry Season 2009 vs. Dry Season 2010
Myrtle Slough @ Pine Island Rd #30	979	462	646	338	*	↓34.0%

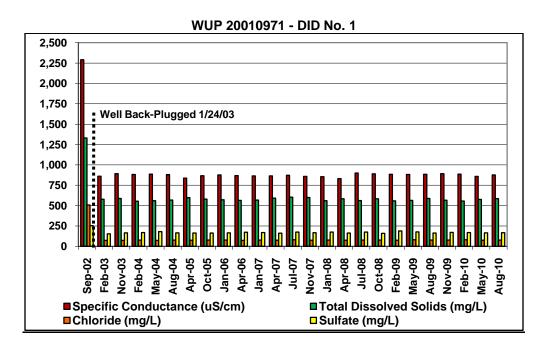
^{*}Station dry.

Pre- and Post Back-Plug Well Monitoring Network (District)

There is one back-plugged well in WBID 1995 that is sampled on a quarterly frequency to monitor long-term improvements on water quality and to also ensure that the back-plug has remained functional. The following graph represents water quality results throughout the period of data record for this quarterly monitored well showing both pre- and post back-plug values for specific conductance, sulfate, chloride, and TDS. To date, this well has retained the integrity of the post back-plug concentrations for these parameters.

^{**}Values modified since 2004 – 2006 Performance Monitoring Report due to calculation error.

Water Segment – Myrtle Slough Prairie Creek Watershed: Water Use - Class I Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None



Surface-Water Quality Monitoring Networks (District, FDEP, and City of Punta Gorda)

There are no water quality sample collection activities occurring in WBID 1995 at this time.

Habitat Assessment and Stream Condition Index Monitoring (FDEP)

In the summer of 2003 and winter of 2004, biological (macroinvertebrate) samples for SCI analysis were collected at Myrtle Slough above Nichols Road. The initial 2004 SCI evaluation of this site was "Excellent."

After the samples were collected and evaluated, a new method of calculating the SCI was developed by FDEP to more accurately reflect the biological condition of streams and effects of development around them. The 2004_ SCI methodology ranks streams as Good, Fair, Poor, or Very Poor. The Myrtle Slough @ Nichols Road site was categorized under this new method as "Fair", which indicates a significant change from completely natural conditions, but not a serious degradation of the biological community. Because the SCI_2004 method had not been adopted at the time the samples were collected, the SCI_2004 evaluation is not official, but does provide an additional analysis of the biological condition of the stream system. Both the old and new SCI evaluations do not indicate that water quality is having a detrimental effect on the biological communities at the Myrtle Slough @ Nichols Road site.

No HA or SCI evaluations were conducted in WBID 1995 during the August 2006 to September 2010 time period.

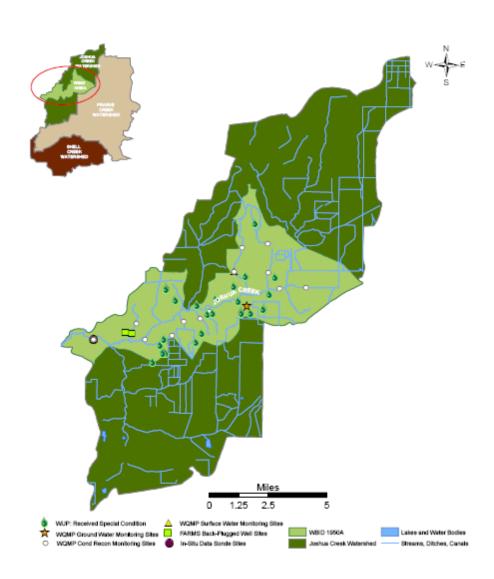
Water Segment – Myrtle Slough Prairie Creek Watershed: Water Use - Class I Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None

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Water Segment – Joshua Creek ab. Peace River Joshua Creek Watershed: Water Use – Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern: None

WBID 1950A

Water Segment – Joshua Creek ab. Peace River Joshua Creek Watershed: Water Use – Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None



Water Segment – Joshua Creek ab. Peace River Joshua Creek Watershed: Water Use – Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None

Proposed Management Actions - Progress to Date

Shell, Prairie, and Joshua Creek Well Back-Plugging Program

Since the inception of the Well Back-Plugging Program, two irrigation wells have been back-plugged in WBID 1950A. The following table represents water quality improvements for chloride and TDS concentrations at these wells directly following back-plug activities. No additional wells were back-plugged in the current report period.

Pre- and Post Well Back-Plugging Results in WBID 1950A

Permit Information	Percent Improvement		
WUP No.	DID No.	TDS (mg/L)	Chloride (mg/L)
20002240	3	71%	83%
20002240	4	70%	94%

District Resource Regulation – Water Use Permitting

In WBID 1950A, twenty-four Water Use Permit (WUP) applications were submitted to the District over the entire reporting period of performance monitoring (October 2004 to September 2010). Of the twenty-four applications fifteen were renewals, two were new permits, three were modifications, one was an owner transfer, and three were letter modifications. Seventeen of the applications received additional special conditions to address water quality concerns in the SPJC watersheds. The remaining permits will receive the special conditions through a corrected permit process. Detailed explanations for special conditions applied to all WUPs in the SPJC Watersheds can be found in Appendix II.

WUP Renewals and Modifications in WBID 1950A

	Oct. 2004 – Jul. 2006	Aug. 2006 – Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008 - Sept. 2010
New WUPs	0	1	1
WUP Renewals	0	4	11
WUP Modifications	1	1	1
WUP Letter Modifications	1	1	1
WUP Owner Transfer	0	0	1
WUPs Conditioned	0	2	15

<u>Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS) and/or Environmental Quality Incentives (EQIP) Projects</u>

To date, there are no Board approved FARMS projects in WBID 1950A and no projects were under consideration between October 2004 and September 2010.

Quality of Water Improvement Program (QWIP)

There have been no wells plugged/abandoned in WBID 1950A since October 2004.

SPJC Water Quality Monitoring Results – Progress to Date

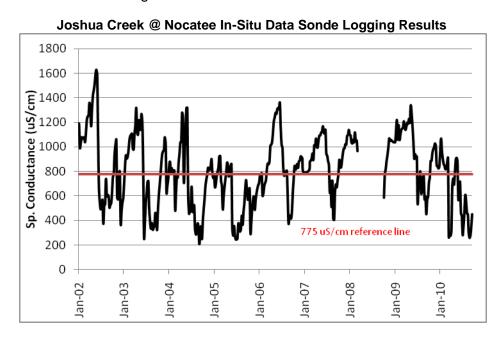
In-Stream Data Sonde - Conductance Logging Network (District and USGS)

There is currently one YSI[®] 600XLM data sonde deployed in WBID 1950A at Joshua Creek @ Nocatee, with maintenance and operation performed by the USGS. This monitoring location is in the western region of WBID 1950A in the Joshua Creek Watershed. Land use immediately surrounding this site includes agriculture, wetlands, and some urban/built-up. Although the Joshua Creek Watershed does not currently have any waterbodies listed as TMDL impaired,

Water Segment – Joshua Creek ab. Peace River Joshua Creek Watershed: Water Use – Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None

monitoring is occurring because evidence of impairment has been observed. Due to the potential for future TMDL impairment, this monitoring location is being regarded as a key station, with data sonde deployment occurring year-round.

The following data plot reflects weekly median values for specific conductance, which were calculated from independent values collected on an hourly frequency from January 2002 through September 2010. Specific conductance concentrations show a slight decreasing trend during dry season periods. There have been no back-plugging or FARMS project activities to date in WBID 1950A. A table located at the end of this section provides the overall data sonde specific conductance monitoring results for WBID 1950A.



Specific Conductance Logging Results in WBID 1950A over Entire Period of Data Record

Water Segment	Number Individual Logged Values	Number Individual Values >1275 uS/cm	Percentage of Individual Values >1275 uS/cm	Number Weekly Median Values	Number Weekly Median Values >775 uS/cm	Percentage Weekly Median Values >775 uS/cm
Joshua Creek @ Nocatee	104,296	3,495	3.3%	419	235	56.1%

Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Network (District)

Within WBID 1950A there are currently 13 stations monitored for the Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Network. Individual values for the Joshua Creek @ Nocatee station have been excluded from this section since they were discussed earlier in this plan in the In-Stream Specific Conductance Logging Network section. Of the 118 individual specific conductance values collected within WBID 1950A during the period of record, 27 values exceeded the 775 uS/cm goal criteria and 4 values exceeded the FDEP surface-water quality Class I criterion of 1275 uS/cm. The following tables summarize the percent change increases and/or decreases between dry season events for each monitoring station within WBID 1950A during the 2004-2006, 2006-2008, and 2008-2010 reporting periods. Individual values for each dry season event are also provided. Stations that were not flowing during a sample event are denoted as dry.

Water Segment – Joshua Creek ab. Peace River Joshua Creek Watershed: Water Use – Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None

Dry season percent changes for the 2008-2010 reporting period were mixed for one station, increasing for one station, and either decreasing or not calculated due to dry stations for ten stations during the reporting period.

Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Results in WBID 1950A; 2004 - 2006

9900	Dry	Wet	Dry	Wet	Dry	Percent	Percent change
Station	Season 2004 Value uS/cm	Season 2004 Value uS/cm	Season 2005 Value uS/cm	Season 2005 Value uS/cm	Season 2006 Value uS/cm	change Dry Season 2004 versus Dry Season 2005	Dry Season 2005 versus Dry Season 2006
Unnamed Ditch @ CR 760 - #5	551	64	506	517	424	↓8.17%**	↓16.21%**
Joshua Cr. @ SR 70 – #6	516	116	511	339	572	↓0.97%**	↑11.94% * *
Unnamed Cr. @ CR 760 - #6	1093	330	974	619	1430	↓10.89%**	↑46.82%**
Unnamed Cr. @ Airport Ave #34	590	638	631	553	Dry	↑6.95%**	*
Unnamed Cr. @ SR 31 - #7.	Dry	314	Dry	Dry	Dry	*	*
Unnamed Cr. @ SE Kings St	442	229	468	183	Dry	↑5.88% * *	*
Unnamed Cr. @ CR 760 - #5	1183	180	618	620	Dry	↓47.76%**	*
Upper Joshua Cr #32	52	44	162	70	Dry	↑211.54%**	*
Unnamed Cr. @ CR 760 - #4	Dry	63	294	197	Dry	*	*
Unnamed Cr. @ Roan St #2	564	124	626	Dry	Dry	↑10.99% * *	*
Unnamed Cr. @ Roan St #3	721	78	441	309	Dry	↓38.83%**	*
Tributary to Joshua Cr. @ SR 70	Dry	104	333	218	Dry	*	*

^{*} Station dry.

^{**}Values modified since 2004 – 2006 Performance Monitoring Report due to calculation error.

Water Segment – Joshua Creek ab. Peace River Joshua Creek Watershed: Water Use – Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None

Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Results in WBID 1950A; 2006 - 2008

Station	Wet Season 2006 Value uS/cm	Dry Season 2007 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2007 Value uS/cm	Dry Season 2008 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2008 Value uS/cm	Percent change Dry Season 2006 versus Dry Season 2007	Percent change Dry Season 2007 versus Dry Season 2008
Unnamed Ditch @ CR 760 - #5	301	675	401	708	671	↑59.20%	↑4.89%
Joshua Cr. @ SR 70 – #6	198	656	447	791	398	↑14.69%	↑20.58%
Unnamed Cr. @ CR 760 - #6	722	1662	972	2019	991	↑16.22%	↑21.48%
Unnamed Cr. @ Airport Ave #34	Flooded	Dry	Dry	840	914	*	*
Unnamed Cr. @ SR 31 - #7.	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	*	*
Unnamed Cr. @ SE Kings St	260	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	*	*
Unnamed Cr. @ CR 760 - #5	507	Dry	682	Dry	715	*	*
Upper Joshua Cr #32	SNV	SNV	SNV	SNV	SNV	*	*
Unnamed Cr. @ CR 760 - #4	262	Dry	Dry	Dry	326	*	*
Unnamed Cr. @ Roan St #2	322	Dry	419	Dry	431	*	*
Unnamed Cr. @ Roan St #3	114	Dry	Dry	942	306	*	*
Tributary to Joshua Cr. @ SR 70	210	Dry	274	Dry	337	*	*

^{*} Station dry.

Water Segment – Joshua Creek ab. Peace River Joshua Creek Watershed: Water Use – Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None

Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Results in WBID 1950A; 2009 - 2010

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Station	Dry Season 2009 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2009 Value uS/cm	Dry Season 2010 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2010 Value uS/cm	Percent change Dry Season 2008 vs. Dry Season 2009	Percent change Dry Season 2009 vs. Dry Season 2010		
Unnamed Ditch @ CR 760 - #5	792	240	612	105	↑11.9	↓22.7%		
Joshua Cr. @ SR 70 – #6	766	389	565	254	↓3.2%	↓26.2%		
Unnamed Cr. @ CR 760 - #6	1594	971	1051	1095	↓21.1%	↓34.1%		
Unnamed Cr. @ Airport Ave #34	1009	1069	1044	628	↑20.1%	↑3.5%		
Unnamed Cr. @ SR 31 - #7.	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	*	*		
Unnamed Cr. @ SE Kings St	1234	373	726	464	*	↓41.2%		
Unnamed Cr. @ CR 760 - #5	955	604	768	639	*	↓19.6%		
Upper Joshua Cr. - #32	161	91	148	Dry	*	↓8.1%		
Unnamed Cr. @ CR 760 - #4	470	287	Dry	403	*	*		
Unnamed Cr. @ Roan St #2	994	518	Dry	505	*	*		
Unnamed Cr. @ Roan St #3	879	416	822	462	↓6.7%	↓6.5%		
Tributary to Joshua Cr. @ SR 70	880	429	830	427	*	↓5.7%		

^{*} Station dry.

Pre- and Post Back-Plug Well Monitoring Network (District)

To date, no wells in WBID 1950A are monitored as part of the Back-Plug Well Monitoring Network.

Surface-Water Quality Monitoring Networks (District, FDEP, and City of Punta Gorda)

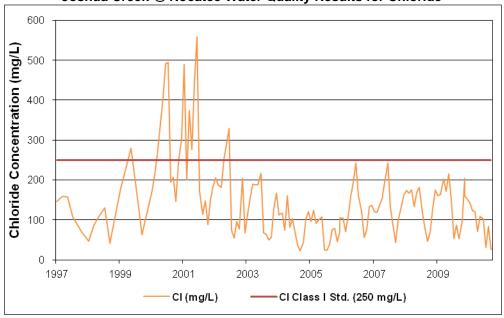
The following graphs represents water quality results through July 2006 for chloride and TDS concentrations at station Joshua Creek @ Nocatee (WBID 1950A). These data plots were generated using data from the District's monthly CWM Network. Although this creek is a Class III system, for comparative purposes, these data plots also contain reference lines depicting FDEP Class I criteria for chloride (250 mg/L) and TDS (500 mg/L as a monthly average, 1000 mg/L as maximum).

Significant decreasing trends in both chloride and TDS concentrations have occurred since the drought impacts of 2000-2001. All chloride values have been below the Class I criteria for chloride and TDS (1000 mg/L) since 2002-2003.

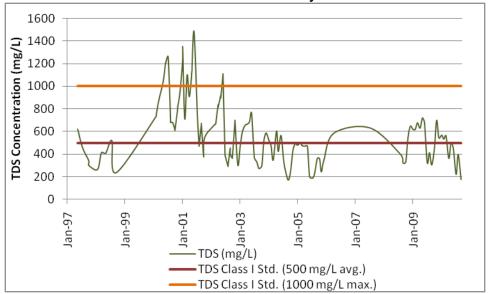
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Water Segment – Joshua Creek ab. Peace River Joshua Creek Watershed: Water Use – Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None





Joshua Creek @ Nocatee Water Quality Results for TDS



WBID 1950A

Water Segment – Joshua Creek ab. Peace River Joshua Creek Watershed: Water Use – Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None

Chloride and TDS Water Quality Results in WBID 1950A over Entire Period of Data Record

Water Segment	Number Individual Reported CI Values	Number Individual CI Values >250 mg/L	Percentage Individual CI Values >250 mg/L	Number Individual Reported TDS Values	Number Individual TDS Values >500 mg/L	Percentage Individual TDS Values >500 mg/L	Number Individual TDS Values >1000 mg/L	Percentage Individual TDS Values >1000 mg/L
Joshua Cr. @ Nocatee	144	14	9.7%	123	65	52.8%	12	9.8%

Habitat Assessment and Stream Condition Index Monitoring (FDEP)

No sites in WBID 1950A were evaluated for biological health indicators during the October 2004 to July 2006 reporting period. During the August 2006 to August 2008 reporting period, two sites in WBID 1950A were evaluated for HAs and SCIs. During the September 2008 to September 2010 reporting period, one site was evaluated for HAs and SCIs. The results of the assessments are presented below.

Habitat Assessment and Stream Condition Index Results

Station	Assessment Date	In-stream Characteristics Score	Morphological and Riparian Features Score	Overall Habitat Assessment Score	Overall SCI Score
Joshua Creek @ Nocatee	05/21/2007	38	42	80 Suboptimal	30 Category 3 ("impaired")
Joshua Creek at Airport Road	01/30/2008	67	70	137 Optimal	47 Category 2 ("healthy")
Unnamed Cr. @ CR 760 - #6	08/12/2009	60	70	130 Optimal	12 Category 3 ("impaired")

According to FDEP SOP 002/01 LT 7000, stations scored as Category 2 ("healthy") are characterized as having a diverse assemblage of species, with a small increase in dominance by a single taxon; very tolerant taxa represent a small percentage of individuals. Stations scored as Category 3 ("impaired") are characterized as having a notable loss of diversity with very tolerant taxa representing a large proportion of the individuals collected.

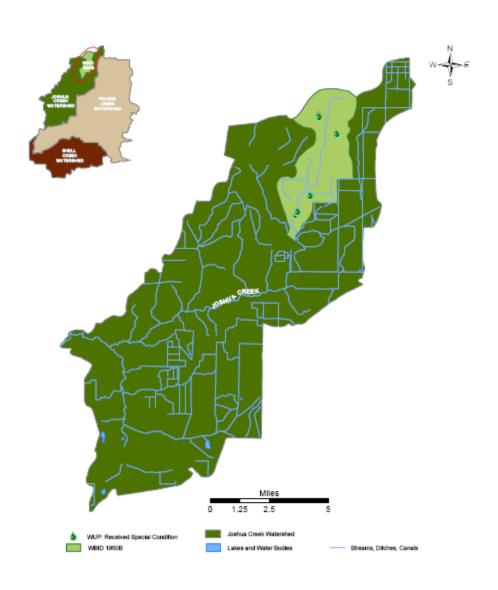
A definitive link between declines in the number and quality of macroinvertebrates and surface waters with elevated specific conductance values from anthropogenic activities has not been determined. However, it is likely that the impairment of the Joshua Creek at Nocatee and Unnamed Creek @ CR 760 sites for the SCI can be directly linked to secondary factors of anthropogenic activities such as runoff which can lead to sedimentation and turbidity. Sedimentation and the resulting high turbidity of surface waters occurs as runoff flows over disturbed agricultural soils, picking up sediments and other small debris which can physically scour the bodies of the macroinvertebrates and smother available habitat and food sources.

WBID 1950B

Water Segment – Joshua Creek ab. Honey Creek Joshua Creek Watershed: Water Use – Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern: None

WBID 1950B

Water Segment – Joshua Creek ab. Honey Creek Joshua Creek Watershed: Water Use – Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None



WBID 1950B

Water Segment – Joshua Creek ab. Honey Creek Joshua Creek Watershed: Water Use – Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None

Proposed Management Actions - Progress to Date

Shell, Prairie, and Joshua Creek Well Back-Plugging Program

To date no irrigation wells have been back-plugged in WBID 1950B.

District Resource Regulation - Water Use Permitting

In WBID 1950B, five Water Use Permit (WUP) applications were submitted to the District over the entire reporting period of performance monitoring (October 2004 to September 2010). Three applications were renewals, of which two received a special condition to address water quality concerns in the SPJC watersheds. The other two applications were letter modifications, both of which received special conditions. The remaining permit will receive the special conditions through a corrected permit process. Detailed explanations for special conditions applied to all WUPs in the SPJC Watersheds can be found in Appendix II.

WUP Renewals and Modifications in WBID 1950B

	Oct. 2004 – Jul. 2006	Aug. 2006 – Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008 - Sept. 2010
New WUPs	0	0	0
WUP Renewals	2	0	1
WUP Modifications	0	0	0
WUP Letter Modifications	0	0	2
WUP Owner Transfer	0	0	0
WUPs Conditioned	1	0	3

Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS) Projects

One FARMS project was Board approved within this WBID between October 2004 and September 2010; however, it was subsequently cancelled.

Quality of Water Improvement Program (QWIP)

There have been no wells plugged/abandoned in WBID 1950B since October 2004.

SPJC Water Quality Monitoring Results - Progress to Date

In-Stream Data Sonde - Conductance Logging Network (District and USGS)

There are no instantaneous data collection activities occurring in WBID 1950B at this time.

Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Network (District)

Within WBID 1950B there are no stations currently being monitored for the Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Network.

Pre- and Post Back-Plug Well Monitoring Network (District)

To date no wells in WBID 1950B are monitored as part of the Back-Plug Well Monitoring Network.

Surface-Water Quality Monitoring Networks (District, FDEP, and City of Punta Gorda)

There are no water quality sample collection activities occurring in WBID 1950B at this time.

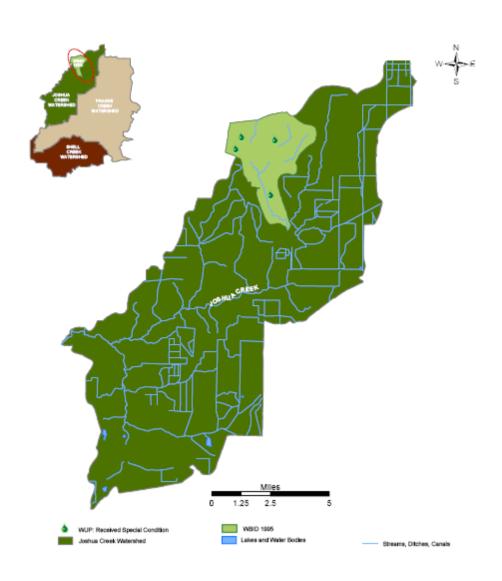
Habitat Assessment and Stream Condition Index Monitoring

No sites in WBID 1950B have been evaluated for HA or SCIs during the October 2004 to September 2010 time period.

Water Segment – Lake Slough Joshua Creek Watershed: Water Use – Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern: None

WBID 1963

Water Segment – Lake Slough Joshua Creek Watershed: Water Use – Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None



Water Segment - Lake Slough Joshua Creek Watershed: Water Use - Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None

Proposed Management Actions - Progress to Date

Shell, Prairie, and Joshua Creek Well Back-Plugging Program

To date, no irrigation wells have been back-plugged in WBID 1963.

District Resource Regulation – Water Use Permitting

In WBID 1963, five Water Use Permit (WUP) applications were submitted to the District over the entire reporting period of performance monitoring (October 2004 to September 2010). One of the applications was for a new WUP, two were renewals, one modification, and one letter modification. Four of the five received special conditions and the remaining permit will receive the special conditions through a corrected permit process. Detailed explanations for special conditions applied to all WUPs in the SPJC Watersheds can be found in Appendix II.

WUP Renewals and Modifications in WBID 1963

	Oct. 2004 – Jul. 2006	Aug. 2006 – Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008 - Sept. 2010
New WUPs	0	0	1
WUP Renewals	0	0	2
WUP Modifications	1	0	0
WUP Letter Modifications	0	0	1
WUP Owner Transfer	0	0	0
WUPs Conditioned	0	0	4

Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS) and/or Environmental **Quality Incentives (EQIP) Projects**

To date, there are no Board approved FARMS/EQIP projects in WBID 1963.

Shell, Prairie, and Joshua Creek Well Back-Plugging Program

To date no irrigation wells have been back-plugged in WBID 1963.

Quality of Water Improvement Program (QWIP)

There have been no wells plugged/abandoned in WBID 1963 since October 2004.

SPJC Water Quality Monitoring Results – Progress to Date

In-Stream Data Sonde - Conductance Logging Network (District and USGS)

There are no instantaneous data collection activities occurring in WBID 1963 at this time.

<u>Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Network (District)</u>
There are currently no water quality sites being monitored for the Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Network in WBID 1963.

Pre- and Post Back-Plug Well Monitoring Network (District)

To date, no wells in WBID 1963 are monitored as part of the Back-Plug Well Monitoring Network.

Surface-Water Quality Monitoring Networks (District, FDEP, and City of Punta Gorda)

There are no water quality sample collection activities occurring in WBID 1963 at this time.

Water Segment – Lake Slough Joshua Creek Watershed: Water Use – Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None

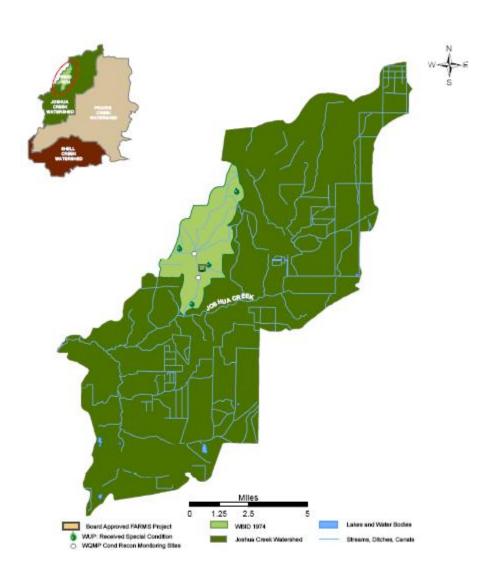
Habitat Assessment and Stream Condition Index Monitoring

No sites in WBID 1963 have been evaluated for HAs or SCIs during the October 2004 to September 2010 time period.

WBID 1974 Water Segment – Unnamed Branch Joshua Creek Watershed: Water Use – Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern: None

WBID 1974

Water Segment – Unnamed Branch Joshua Creek Watershed: Water Use – Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None



Water Segment – Unnamed Branch Joshua Creek Watershed: Water Use – Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None

Proposed Management Actions – Progress to Date

Shell, Prairie, and Joshua Creek Well Back-Plugging Program

To date, no irrigation wells have been back-plugged in WBID 1974.

District Resource Regulation - Water Use Permitting

In WBID 1974, five Water Use Permit (WUP) applications were submitted to the District over the entire reporting period of performance monitoring (October 2004 to September 2010). Three were for renewals, one for modification, and one was a letter modification. One did not receive special conditions to address water quality concerns in the SPJC watersheds and four did. The one renewal that did not receive the special condition will receive one through a corrected permit process. Detailed explanations for special conditions applied to all WUPs in the SPJC Watersheds can be found in Appendix II.

WUP Renewals and Modifications in WBID 1974

	Oct. 2004 – Jul. 2006	Aug. 2006 – Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008 - Sept. 2010
New WUPs	0	0	0
WUP Renewals	0	1	2
WUP Modifications	0	0	1
WUP Letter Modifications	0	0	1
WUP Owner Transfer	0	0	0
WUPs Conditioned	0	0	4

<u>Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS) and/or Environmental Quality Incentives (EQIP) Projects</u>

During the October 2004 – September 2010 time period there were no Board approved, operational FARMS/EQIP projects established in WBID 1974 and one project was under discussion. The following table summarizes this project, as well as ground water offsets that have occurred over the performance monitoring period. Details for the project listed below can be found in Appendix IV.

FARMS Projects in WBID 1974; October 2004 September 2010

Project Number/Type	Project Operational/ (Expected Operational) Date	Projected Ground Water Offset (gpd)	**Actual Ground Water Offset as of October 15, 2010 (gpd)	Max. Ground Water Offset Achieved in One Month through October 15, 2010 (gpd)
^a WUP #20001391 – H570 (blueberries)	December 2009	48,600	41,811	95,881

^{**}The actual ground water offset fluctuates with weather conditions and seasons. The actual is calculated by dividing the number of days the project has been operational into the total gallons offset.

aFunding also provided by EQIP

Shell, Prairie, and Joshua Creek Well Back-Plugging Program

To date no irrigation wells have been back-plugged in WBID 1974.

Quality of Water Improvement Program (QWIP)

There have been no wells plugged/abandoned in WBID 1974 since October 2004.

Water Segment – Unnamed Branch Joshua Creek Watershed: Water Use – Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None

SPJC Water Quality Monitoring Results – Progress to Date

In-Stream Data Sonde - Conductance Logging Network (District and USGS)

There are no instantaneous data collection activities occurring in WBID 1974 at this time.

Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Network (District)

Within WBID 1974 there are currently two stations monitored for the Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Network. Of the 28 individual specific conductance values collected within WBID 1974 during the period of record, one value exceeded the 775 uS/cm goal criteria and no values exceeded the FDEP surface-water quality Class I criterion of 1275 uS/cm. The following table summarizes the percent change increases and/or decreases between dry season events for each monitoring station within WBID 1974. Individual values for each dry season event are also provided.

Dry season percent changes for the 2008-2010 reporting period were mixed for one station and decreasing for one station in WBID 1974.

Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Results in WBID 1974; 2004 - 2006

Station	Dry Season 2004 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2004 Value uS/cm	Dry Season 2005 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2005 Value uS/cm	Dry Season 2006 Value uS/cm	Percent Change Dry Season 2004 vs. Dry Season 2005	Percent Change Dry Season 2005 vs. Dry Season 2006
Maple Branch @ Roan St #	673	129	720	641	634	↑6.98%**	↓11.94%**
Maple Branch @ SR 70 - # 7	492	121	518	350	500	↑5.28%**	↓3.47%**

^{**}Values modified since 2004 – 2006 Performance Monitoring Report due to calculation error.

Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Results in WBID 1974: 2006 - 2008

Station	Wet Season 2006 Value uS/cm	Dry Season 2007 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2007 Value uS/cm	Dry Season 2008 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2008 Value uS/cm	Percent Change Dry Season 2006 vs. Dry Season 2007	Percent Change Dry Season 2007 vs. Dry Season 2008
Maple Branch @ Roan St #	349	704	507	868	456	↑11.04%	↑23.30%
Maple Branch @ SR 70 - # 7	384	662	455	610	419	↑32.40%	↓7.85%

Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Results in WBID 1974: 2009 - 2010

Station	Dry Season 2009 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2009 Value uS/cm	Dry Season 2010 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2010 Value uS/cm	Percent Change Dry Season 2008 vs. Dry Season 2009	Percent Change Dry Season 2009 vs. Dry Season 2010
Maple Branch @ Roan St # 8	661	395	647	427	↓23.8%	↓2.1%
Maple Branch @ SR 70 - # 7	696	389	526	438	↑14.1%	↓24.4%

Water Segment – Unnamed Branch Joshua Creek Watershed: Water Use – Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None

Pre- and Post Back-Plug Well Monitoring Network (District)

To date, no wells in WBID 1974 are monitored as part of the Back-Plug Well Monitoring Network.

Surface-Water Quality Monitoring Networks (District, FDEP, and City of Punta Gorda)

There are no water quality sample collection activities occurring in WBID 1974 at this time.

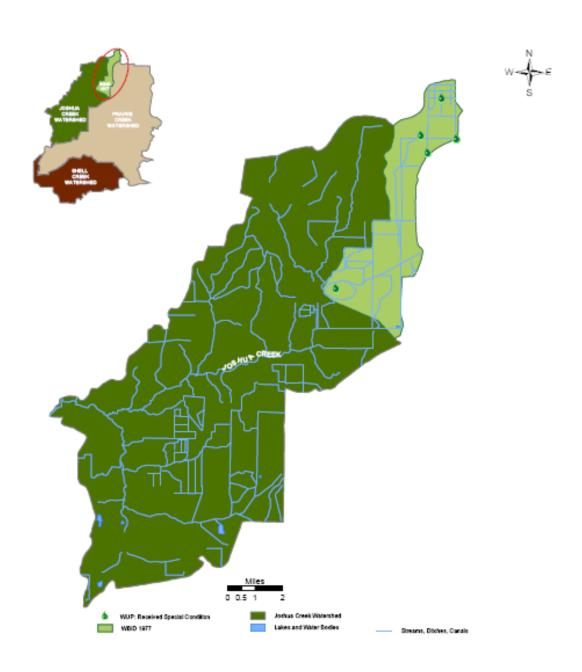
Habitat Assessment and Stream Condition Index Monitoring

No sites in WBID 1974 were evaluated for HAs or SCIs during the October 2004 to September 2010 reporting period.

WBID 1977
Water Segment – Honey Run
Joshua Creek Watershed
Water Use – Class 3F
Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern: None

WBID 1977

Water Segment – Honey Run Joshua Creek Watershed: Water Use – Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None



Water Segment - Honey Run Joshua Creek Watershed: Water Use - Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None

Proposed Management Actions - Progress to Date

Shell, Prairie, and Joshua Creek Well Back-Plugging Program

To date, no irrigation wells have been back-plugged in WBID 1977.

District Resource Regulation – Water Use Permitting

In WBID 1977, five Water Use Permit (WUP) applications were submitted to the District over the entire reporting period of performance monitoring (October 2004 to September 2010), one for a new permit, one for a renewal, two for letter modification, and one for a modification. Five of these permits received a special condition to address water quality concerns in the SPJC watersheds. The remainder will receive the special conditions through a corrected permit Detailed explanations for special conditions applied to all WUPs in the SPJC Watersheds can be found in Appendix II.

WUP Renewals and Modifications in WBID 1977

	Oct. 2004 – Jul. 2006	Aug. 2006 – Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008 - Sept. 2010
New WUPs	0	0	1
WUP Renewals	0	1	0
WUP Modifications	0	1	0
WUP Letter Modifications	0	0	2
WUP Owner Transfer	0	0	0
WUPs Conditioned	0	1	4

Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS) Projects

To date, there are no Board approved FARMS projects in WBID 1977.

Shell, Prairie, and Joshua Creek Well Back-Plugging Program

To date no irrigation wells have been back-plugged in WBID 1977.

Quality of Water Improvement Program (QWIP)

There have been no wells plugged/abandoned in WBID 1977 since October 2004.

SPJC Water Quality Monitoring Results – Progress to Date

In-Stream Data Sonde - Conductance Logging Network (District and USGS)

There are no instantaneous data collection activities occurring in WBID 1977 at this time.

<u>Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Network (District)</u>
There are currently no water quality sites being monitored for the Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Network in WBID 1977.

Pre- and Post Back-Plug Well Monitoring Network (District)

To date, no wells in WBID 1977 are monitored as part of the Back-Plug Well Monitoring Network.

Surface-Water Quality Monitoring Networks (District, FDEP, and City of Punta Gorda)

There are no water quality sample collection activities occurring in WBID 1977 at this time.

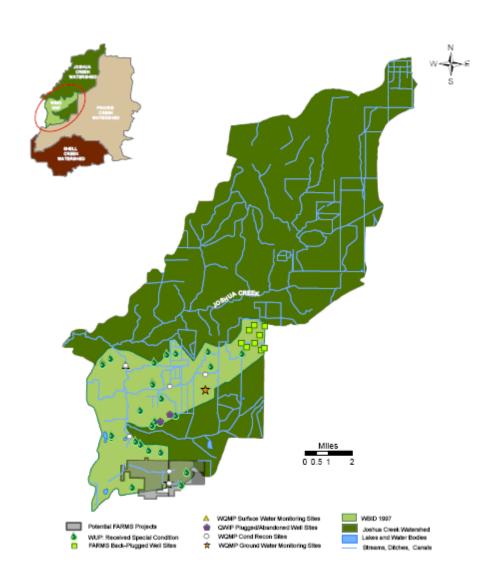
Water Segment - Honey Run Joshua Creek Watershed: Water Use - Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern - None

<u>Habitat Assessment and Stream Condition Index Monitoring</u>
During all three reporting periods for this Performance Monitoring document, no sites in WBID 1977 have been evaluated for the HAs or SCIs.

Water Segment – Hawthorne Creek Joshua Creek Watershed: Water Use – Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern: None

WBID 1997

Water Segment – Hawthorne Creek Joshua Creek Watershed: Water Use – Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None



Water Segment - Hawthorne Creek Joshua Creek Watershed: Water Use - Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None

Proposed Management Actions - Progress to Date

<u>Shell, Prairie, and Joshua Creek Well Back-Plugging Program</u>
Since the inception of this Program, a total of nine irrigation wells have been back-plugged in WBID 1997. The following table represents water quality improvements for chloride and TDS concentrations at these wells directly following back-plugging activities. No additional wells have been back-plugged since October 2004.

Pre- and Post Well Back-Plugging Results in WBID 1997

Permit Information	Percent Improvement		
WUP No.	DID No.	TDS (mg/L)	Chloride (mg/L)
20005060	2	33%	65%
20005060	3	N/A	N/A
20005060	4	11%	28%
20005060	5	37%	87%
20005060	7	49%	88%
20005060	9	58%	93%
20005060	10	64%	94%
20005060	12	47%	90%
20005060	13	68%	95%

<u>District Resource Regulation - Water Use Permitting</u>

In WBID 1997, twenty-six Water Use Permit (WUP) applications were submitted to the District over the entire reporting period of performance monitoring (October 2004 to September 2010). Of the twenty-six applications twenty-one were renewals, two were owner transfers, two were letter modifications, and one was a modification. Eighteen of the permits received special conditions to address water quality concerns in the SPJC watersheds. The remaining will receive the special conditions through a corrected permit process. Detailed explanations for special conditions applied to all WUPs in the SPJC Watersheds can be found in Appendix II.

WUP Renewals and Modifications in WBID 1997

	Oct. 2004 – Jul. 2006	Aug. 2006 – Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008 - Sept. 2010
New WUPs	0	0	0
WUP Renewals	2	9	10
WUP Modifications	0	1	0
WUP Letter Modifications	1	1	0
WUP Owner Transfer	0	0	2
WUPs Conditioned	1	5	12

Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS) Projects

Three FARMS projects have been Board approved in WBID 1997 between October 2004 and September 2010. Two additional projects were under consideration during this time period. The following table summarizes the projects, as well as ground water offsets that have occurred over the performance monitoring period. Details for each of the below listed projects can be found in Appendix IV:

Water Segment – Hawthorne Creek Joshua Creek Watershed: Water Use – Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None

Potential FARMS Projects in WBID 1997; October 2004 through September 2010

Project Number / Type	Project Operational/(Expected Operational) Date	Projected Ground Water Offset (gpd)	**Actual Ground Water Offset as of October 15, 2010 (gpd)	Max. Ground Water Offset Achieved in One Month through October 15, 2010 (gpd)
WUP #20002418, 20012818, 20009716 – H560 (blueberries, electronics)	February 2010	25,000	-88,111	202,170
^a WUP #20002418 – H522 (blueberries)	March 2008	50,130	65,816	309,871
^a WUP 200013225 – H557 (sod)	January 2010	128,320	68,924	162,933
*WUP #20004641 – H594 (citrus)	N/D	32,000	N/D	N/D
*WUP #20002665 - (citrus)	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D

^{*}Potential project under consideration between October 2004 and September 2010

Quality of Water Improvement Program (QWIP)

There have been no wells plugged/abandoned in WBID 1997 since October 2004.

SPJC Water Quality Monitoring Results – Progress to Date

In-Stream Data Sonde - Conductance Logging Network (District and USGS)

There are no instantaneous data collection activities occurring in WBID 1997 at this time.

Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Network (District)

Within WBID 1997 there are currently six stations monitored for the Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Network. Of the 67 individual specific conductance values collected within WBID 1997 during the period of record, 47 values exceeded the 775 uS/cm goal criteria and 18 values exceeded the FDEP surface-water quality Class I criterion of 1275 uS/cm. The following tables summarize the percent change increases and/or decreases between dry season events for each monitoring station within WBID 1997 during the 2004-2006, 2006-2008, and 2008-2010 reporting periods. Individual values for each dry season event are also provided. Stations that were not flowing during a sample event are denoted as dry in the following table.

Dry season percent changes for the 2008-2010 reporting period were mixed for one of the WBID 1997 stations; the remaining five stations had percent changes that were either decreasing or not calculated for the reporting period due to dry stations in 2008.

N/D = Not determined project under consideration

^aFunding also provided by EQIP

^{**}The actual ground water offset fluctuates with weather conditions and seasons. The actual is calculated by dividing the number of days the project has been operational into the total gallons offset.

Water Segment – Hawthorne Creek Joshua Creek Watershed: Water Use – Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None

Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Results in WBID 1997; 2004 - 2006

Station	Dry Season 2004 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2004 Value uS/cm	Dry Season 2005 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2005 Value uS/cm	Dry Season 2006 Value uS/cm	Percent change Dry Season 2004 vs. Dry Season 2005	Percent Change Dry Season 2005 vs. Dry Season 2006
Upper Hawthorne Cr. @ Piggyback Rd #14	1457	423	943	748	1422	↓35.28%**	↑50.80%**
Unnamed Cr. @ SR 31 Near 760A - #31	1347	512	1226	690	1461	↓8.89%**	↑19.17% * *
Unnamed Cr. @ CR 763 - #8	1303	630	1165	869	1447	↓10.59%**	↑24.21%**
Unnamed Cr. @ CR 763 - #10	Dry	Dry	809	Dry	Dry	*	*
Unnamed Ditch @ CR 763 - #11	833	Dry	713	494	Dry	↓14.41%**	*
Hawthorne Cr. @ 760A	1108	315	1009	855	1435	↓8.94%**	↑42.22%**

^{*} Station dry

^{**}Values modified since 2004 – 2006 Performance Monitoring Report due to calculation error.

Water Segment – Hawthorne Creek Joshua Creek Watershed: Water Use – Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None

Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Results in WBID 1997; 2006 - 2008

Station	Wet Season 2006 Value uS/cm	Dry Season 2007 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2007 Value uS/cm	Dry Season 2008 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2008 Value uS/cm	Percent change Dry Season 2006 vs. Dry Season 2007	Percent Change Dry Season 2007 vs. Dry Season 2008
Upper Hawthorne Cr. @ Piggyback Rd #14	673	1345	1020	1614	710	↓5.41%	↑20.00%
Unnamed Cr. @ SR 31 Near 760A - #31	468	Dry	908	2420	1517	*	*
Unnamed Cr. @ CR 763 - #8	573	1544	926	2401	960	↑6.70%	↑55.51%
Unnamed Cr. @ CR 763 - #10	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	789	*	*
Unnamed Ditch @ CR 763 - #11	669	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	*	*
Hawthorne Cr. @ 760A	595	1227	999	1511	981	↓14.49%	↑23.15%

^{*} Station dry.

Water Segment – Hawthorne Creek Joshua Creek Watershed: Water Use – Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None

Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Results in WBID 1997; 2009 - 2010

Station	Dry Season 2009 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2009 Value uS/cm	Dry Season 2010 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2010 Value uS/cm	Percent change Dry Season 2008 vs. Dry Season 2009	Percent Change Dry Season 2009 vs. Dry Season 2010
Upper Hawthorne Cr. @ Piggyback Rd #14	1001	574	838	38 891 ↓38.0%		↓16.3%
Unnamed Cr. @ SR 31 Near 760A - #31	1545	737	1780	795	↓36.2%	↑15.2%
Unnamed Cr. @ CR 763 - #8	1506	844	1241	831	↓37.3%	↓17.6%
Unnamed Cr. @ CR 763 - #10	1004	733	828	Dry	*	↓17.5%
Unnamed Ditch @ CR 763 - #11	1101	710	858	Dry	*	↓22.1%
Hawthorne Cr. @ 760A	1347	752	876	754	↓10.9%	↓35.0%

^{*} Station dry.

Pre- and Post Back-Plug Well Monitoring Network (District)

To date, no wells in WBID 1997 are monitored as part of the Back-Plug Well Monitoring Network.

Surface-Water Quality Monitoring Networks (District, FDEP, and City of Punta Gorda)

There are no water quality sample collection activities occurring in WBID 1997 at this time.

Habitat Assessment and Stream Condition Index Monitoring

No sites in WBID 1997 were evaluated for HAs or SCIs during the October 2004 to July 2006 time period. During the August 2006 to August 2008 reporting period, one site in WBID 1997 was evaluated for biological health indicators. No sites were evaluated for HAs and SCIs during the September 2008 to September 2010 time period. The results of the assessments are presented below.

Habitat Assessment and Stream Condition Index Results

Station	Assessment Date	In-stream Characteristics Score	Morphological and Riparian Features Score	Overall Habitat Assessment Score	Overall SCI Score
Hawthorne Creek at Reynolds	01/30/2008	41	51	92 Suboptimal	59 Category 2 ("healthy")

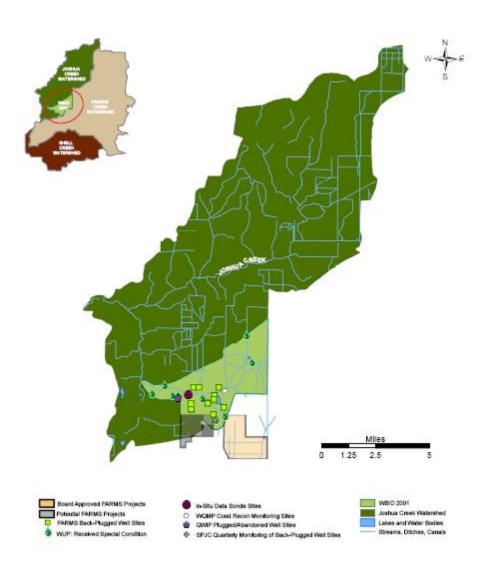
Water Segment – Hawthorne Creek Joshua Creek Watershed: Water Use – Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None

According to FDEP SOP 002/01 LT 7000, stations scored as Category 2 ("healthy") are characterized as having a diverse assemblage of species, with a small increase in dominance by a single taxon; very tolerant taxa represent a small percentage of individuals. This biological health assessment indicates that water quality is not having a detrimental effect on the biological communities of the Hawthorne Creek @ Reynolds site.

Water Segment – Hog Bay Joshua Creek Watershed: Water Use – Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern: None

WBID 2001

Water Segment – Hog Bay Joshua Creek Watershed: Water Use – Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None



Water Segment - Hog Bay Joshua Creek Watershed: Water Use - Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None

Proposed Management Actions - Progress to Date

<u>Shell, Prairie, and Joshua Creek Well Back-Plugging Program</u>
Since the inception of the Program, a total of 12 irrigation wells have been back-plugged in WBID 2001. The following table represents water quality improvements for TDS and chloride concentrations at these wells directly following back-plug activities. One well was back-plugged in the current report period.

Pre- and Post Well Back-Plugging Results in WBID 2001

Permit Information			mprovement
WUP No.	DID No.	TDS (mg/L)	Chloride (mg/L)
20009716	2	22%	54%
20006669	2	33%	45%
20006669	4	-18%	-46%
20006669	5	34%	62%
20006669	8	94%	99%
20006669	9	N/A	0%
20006669	10	77%	90%
20006669	11	94%	99%
20006669	12	N/A	N/A
20006669	12	95%	99%
20006669	13	83%	91%
20006669	15	48%	84%

Denotes repeated back-plug

District Resource Regulation – Water Use Permitting

In WBID 2001, eight Water Use Permit (WUP) applications were submitted to the District over the entire reporting period of performance monitoring (October 2004 to September 2010). Of the eight applications, five were renewals, two were owner transfers, and one was a letter modifications. Seven permits received special conditions to address water quality concerns in the SPJC watersheds. The remaining permits will receive the special conditions through a corrected process. Detailed explanations for special conditions applied to all WUPs in the SPJC Watersheds can be found in Appendix II.

WUP Renewals and Modifications in WBID 2001

	Oct. 2004 – Jul. 2006	Aug. 2006 – Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008 - Sept. 2010
New WUPs	0	0	0
WUP Renewals	2	0	3
WUP Modifications	0	0	0
WUP Letter Modifications	1	0	0
WUP Owner Transfer	0	0	2
WUPs Conditioned	1	0	6

Water Segment – Hog Bay Joshua Creek Watershed: Water Use – Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None

Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS) Projects

Seven FARMS projects were Board approved in WBID 2001 between October 2004 and September 2010. One additional project was under consideration during this time period. The following table summarizes the projects, as well as groundwater offsets that have occurred over the performance monitoring period. Details for each of the below listed projects can be found in Appendix IV:

Potential FARMS/EQIP Projects in WBID 2001; October 2004 through September 2010

Project Number / Type	Project Operational/(Expected Operational) Date	Projected Ground Water Offset (gpd)	**Actual Ground Water Offset as of October 15, 2010 (gpd)	Max. Ground Water Offset Achieved in One Month through October 15, 2010 (gpd)
WUP #20006669 – H505 (citrus) Phase I	April 2006	170,900	70,049	413,300
WUP #20009716 – H530 (blueberries)	February 2007	71,200	127,950	402,433
WUP #20002418, 20012818, 20009716 – H560 (blueberries, electronics)	February 2010	25,000	-88,111	202,170
WUP #20002418 – H522 (blueberries)	March 2008	50,130	65,816	309,871
^a WUP #20006765 – H584 (Phase III) (citrus)	June 2010	348,400	768,967	768,967
^a WUP #20006669 – H569 (citrus) Phase II + Culverts	March 2010	107,700	192,070	795,469
*WUP #20002665 (citrus)	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D

^{*}Potential project under consideration between October 2004 and September 2010

Quality of Water Improvement Program (QWIP)

From October 1, 2003 to date, one well has been plugged/abandoned through the QWIP Program in WBID 2001. The well was associated with WUP No. 20011200.03, DID number 2. It had a casing diameter of ten inches, a casing depth of 96 feet, and a total depth of 929 feet below land surface. The specific conductance at the time the well had geophysical logging performed on February 10, 2005 was 1,089 uS/cm. The well was plugged on January 20, 2006.

SPJC Water Quality Monitoring Results - Progress to Date

In-Stream Data Sonde - Conductance Logging Network (District and USGS)

From May 2001 to May 2007, there was one YSI® 600XLM data sonde deployed in WBID 2001 at station Hog Bay Slough in the Joshua Creek watershed. This monitoring location is no longer active because the property owner has denied access. This site is located in the western portion of WBID 2001, and flows from this canal enter Joshua Creek. The major contributing land use to this canal is agriculture (citrus), and this monitoring station is located directly within a citrus grove. Battery malfunctions occurred during May 2003, December – February 2003, and October – November 2005; therefore, no data exists for these time periods.

N/D = Not determined project under consideration

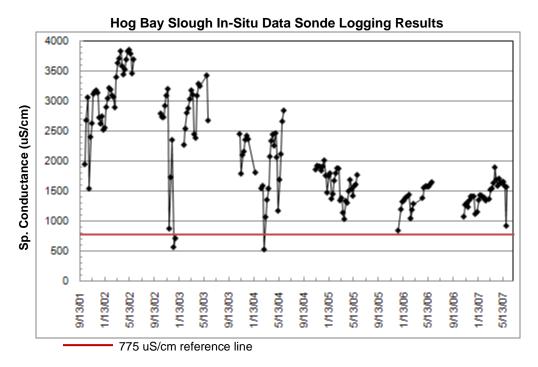
^aFunding also provided by EQIP

^{**}The actual ground water offset fluctuates with weather conditions and seasons. The actual is calculated by dividing the number of days the project has been operational into the total gallons offset.

Water Segment – Hog Bay Joshua Creek Watershed: Water Use – Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None

The following data plot shows weekly median values for specific conductance, which have been calculated from independent values collected on an hourly frequency during dry season periods (November – May) from October 2001 through May 2007. A table located at the end of this section provides the overall data sonde specific conductance monitoring results for WBID 2001.

Back-plugging activities that occurred on this property in 2001 at eight well site locations have resulted in noticeable decreases in specific conductance concentrations in this canal system throughout the period of data record (see Case Study No. 2 in the SPCWMP Reasonable Assurance document).



Specific Conductance Logging Results in WBID 2001 over Entire Period of Data Record

Water Segment	Number Individual Logged Values	Number Individual Values >1275 uS/cm	Percentage of Individual Values >1275 uS/cm	Number Weekly Median Values	Number Weekly Median Values >775 uS/cm	Percentage Weekly Median Values >775 uS/cm
Hog Bay Slough	29,868	24,302	81.4%	163	160	98.2%

<u>Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Network (District)</u>

Within WBID 2001 there are currently two stations monitored for the Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Network. Individual values for the Hog Bay Slough – Prairie River Grove station have been excluded from this section since they were discussed earlier in this plan in the In-Stream Specific Conductance Logging Network section. Of the 14 individual specific conductance values collected within WBID 2001 during the period of record, no values exceeded either the 775 uS/cm goal criteria or the FDEP surface-water quality Class I criterion of 1275 uS/cm. The following tables summarize the percent change increases and/or decreases between dry season events for each monitoring station within WBID 2001 during the 2004-2006, 2006-2008, and 2008-2010 reporting periods. Individual values for each dry

Water Segment – Hog Bay Joshua Creek Watershed: Water Use – Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None

season event are also provided. Stations that were not flowing during a sample event have been recorded as dry in the table.

Overall, dry season percent changes for the 2008-2010 reporting period were mixed for the WBID 2001 station.

Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Results in WBID 2001; 2004 - 2006

Station	Dry Season 2004 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2004 Value uS/cm	Dry Season 2005 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2005 Value uS/cm	Dry Season 2006 Value uS/cm	Percent change Dry Season 2004 versus Dry Season 2005	Percent change Dry Season 2005 versus Dry Season 2006
Hog Bay @ SR 31 - #9	605	205	403	318	622	↓33.39%**	↑54.34%**

^{**}Values modified since 2004 – 2006 Performance Monitoring Report due to calculation error.

Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Results in WBID 2001; 2006 - 2008

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Station	Wet Season 2006 Value uS/cm	Dry Season 2007 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2007 Value uS/cm	Dry Season 2008 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2008 Value uS/cm	Percent change Dry Season 2006 versus Dry Season 2007	Percent change Dry Season 2007 versus Dry Season 2008
Hog Bay @ SR 31 - #9	197	284	348	464	611	↓54.34%	↑63.38%

Specific Conductance Reconnaissance Results in WBID 2001: 2009 - 2010

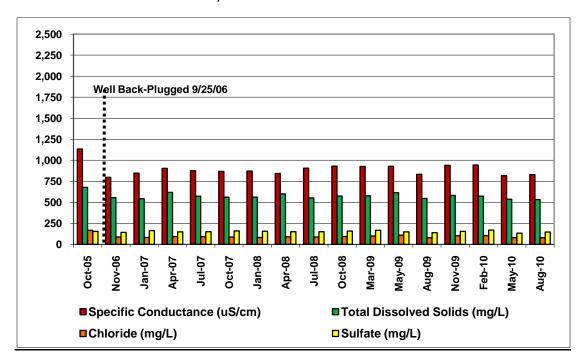
Station	Dry Season 2009 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2009 Value uS/cm	Dry Season 2010 Value uS/cm	Wet Season 2010 Value uS/cm	Percent change Dry Season 2008 versus Dry Season 2009	Percent change Dry Season 2009 versus Dry Season 2010
Hog Bay @ SR 31 - #9	772	565	612	431	↑66.4%	↓20.7%

Pre- and Post Back-Plug Well Monitoring Network (District)

There is one back-plugged well in WBID 2001 that is sampled on a quarterly frequency to monitor long-term improvements on water quality and to also ensure that the back-plug has remained functional. The following graph represents water quality results throughout the period of data record for this quarterly monitored well showing both pre- and post back-plug values for specific conductance, sulfate, chloride, and TDS. To date, this well has retained the integrity of the post back-plug concentrations for these parameters.

WBID 2001

Water Segment - Hog Bay Joshua Creek Watershed: Water Use - Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None



<u>Surface-Water Quality Monitoring Networks (District, FDEP, and City of Punta Gorda)</u>
The following table represents water quality results through July 2006 for chloride and TDS concentrations at one monitoring station (Hog Bay Slough) in WBID 2001. Since this monitoring site is not considered a key index station, graphical results are not presented here but can be found in Appendix I. The following information was generated using data from the District's SPJC quarterly monitoring network. Monitoring began at this location in June 2003 and ended in September 2007 due to access denial by the property owner.

Chloride and TDS Water Quality Results in WBID 2001 over Entire Period of Data Record

Water Segment	Number Individual Reported CI Values	Number Individual CI Values >250 mg/L	Percentage Individual CI Values >250 mg/L	Number Individual Reported TDS Values	Number Individual TDS Values >500 mg/L	Percentage Individual TDS Values >500 mg/L	Number Individual TDS Values >1000 mg/L	Percentage Individual TDS Values >1000 mg/L
Hog Bay Slough	58	35	60.3%	59	59	100%	56	95%

^{*}Monitoring site located in agricultural canal – not on main channel of Joshua Creek.

Water Segment – Hog Bay Joshua Creek Watershed: Water Use – Class 3F Verified Impaired Pollutants of Concern – None

Habitat Assessment and Stream Condition Index Monitoring (District)

No sites in WBID 2001 were evaluated for HAs or SCIs during the October 2004 to July 2006 and September 2008 to September 2010 reporting periods. During the August 2006 to August 2008 reporting period, two sites in WBID 2001 were evaluated for HAs and SCIs. The results of the assessments are presented below.

Habitat Assessment and Stream Condition Index Results

Station	Assessment Date	In-stream Characteristics Score	Morphological and Riparian Features Score	Overall Habitat Assessment Score	Overall SCI Score
Hog Bay Slough	05/23/2007	40	67	107 Suboptimal	46 Category 2 ("healthy")
Hog Bay at CR 763	01/30/2008	42	36	78 Marginal	53 Category 2 ("healthy")

According to FDEP SOP 002/01 LT 7000, stations scored as Category 2 ("healthy") are characterized as having a diverse assemblage of species, with a small increase in dominance by a single taxon; very tolerant taxa represent a small percentage of individuals. These assessments indicate that water quality is not having a detrimental effect on the biological communities at the Hog Bay Slough and Hog Bay at CR 763 sites.

WBID 2020
Water Segment – Gannett Slough
Prairie Creek Watershed
Borders DeSoto/Highlands Counties/SFWMD
Water Use - Class 3F
TMDL verified impaired pollutants of concern: None

Water Segment – Gannett Slough
Prairie Creek Watershed
Borders DeSoto/Highlands Counties/SFWMD
Water Use - Class 3F
TMDL verified impaired pollutants of concern – None

Proposed Management Actions – Progress to Date

This WBID is located outside of District boundaries in the South Florida Water Management District, therefore, no current or proposed management actions, well back-plugging, FARMS projects, or water quality / biological sample collection activities are occurring in WBID 2020, with the exception of instantaneous monitoring of specific conductance which is explained below.

SPJC Water Quality Monitoring Results – Progress to Date

In-Stream Data Sonde - Conductance Logging Network (District and USGS)

The *Gannet Slough* data sonde is deployed in a small tributary/slough in the southeastern region of the Prairie Creek watershed. This monitoring site is located in the South Florida Water Management District and surrounding land uses include agriculture (citrus) and rangeland. Gannet Slough flows to the west, with flows eventually entering Montgomery Canal/Prairie Creek. Although WBID 2020 is not contained within the study/monitoring area boundary for SPJC management actions and monitoring initiatives, the District established this data collection site to determine the water quality of this tributary/slough and its potential impacts to the receiving surface waters in the Prairie Creek Watershed.

The following data plot shows weekly median values for specific conductance, which have been calculated from independent values collected on an hourly frequency during dry season periods (November – May) from December 2004 through September 2010.

Dry season specific conductance concentrations have decreased over the period of record. FARMS and well back-plugging activities have not occurred in the upstream areas of this location because these properties are not contained within District boundaries.

Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS) Projects

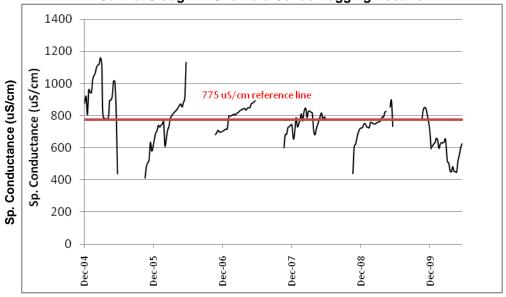
One FARMS project was under Board consideration within this WBID between October 2004 and September 2010.

WBID 2020

Water Segment – Gannett Slough Prairie Creek Watershed Borders DeSoto/Highlands Counties/SFWMD Water Use - Class 3F

TMDL verified impaired pollutants of concern – None





Specific Conductance Logging Results in WBID 2020 over Entire Period of Data Record

Water Segment	Number Individual Logged Values	Number Individual Values >1275 uS/cm	Percentage of Individual Values >1275 uS/cm	Number Weekly Median Values	Number Weekly Median Values >775 uS/cm	Percentage Weekly Median Values >775 uS/cm
Gannet Slough	27,633	4	0%	178	79	44.4%

Regional Management Actions in the SPJC Watersheds

District Resource Regulation

The legislative basis for Water Use Permitting and Well Construction are codified in Chapter 373, Parts II and III, F.S. District rules Chapter 40D-2 (Consumptive Use of Water), and Chapter 40D-3 (Well Construction), were adopted by the District to implement these two Regulatory Programs. Under these programs an applicant must meet the three-prong test of Chapter 373 and the Conditions for Issuance in order for a permit to be issued for well construction or water use. If the application meets the Conditions for Issuance and the permit is issued with the appropriate standard and special conditions, the District is provided with the reasonable assurance that the well construction and water use will meet the District's regulatory program responsibilities and the Class I water quality standards.

Well Construction Permitting

Since implementation of the SPCWMP Reasonable Assurance document, staff have re-evaluated the number of irrigation wells that are proposed to be constructed in the three watersheds. During the August 2006 through current reporting period, approximately 142 wells were proposed to be constructed through approved Water Use Permits within the SPJC watersheds. Of this total, 54 wells have proposed total depths that exceed the depth criteria*. These wells could potentially intersect highly mineralized zones within the Upper Floridan aquifer system and exceed water quality limits, therefore a maximum total depth will be imposed for all proposed wells through well construction stipulations. Below is a breakdown of the proposed wells in all three watersheds.

Approximate Number of Proposed Irrigation Wells - Potential Contributions to Impairment
(August 2006 – September 2010)

Watershed	No. of Proposed Irrigation Wells (Aug. 2006 – Aug. 2008)	No. of Proposed Irrigation Wells (Aug 2006 - Sept 2010)	Depth Criteria*	Total No. Wells Exceeding Criteria
Joshua	36	37	1400	2
Prairie	74	65	1200	23
Shell	12	40	450	29
TOTALS	122	142	N/A	54

^{*}Total depth criteria used in the well construction queries were taken from average depths of post back- plugged irrigation wells per watershed and ROMP well site vertical water quality profile data.

Well construction permits (WCP) issued by the District will contain the following limitations and requirements for wells constructed in the Shell, Prairie, and Joshua Creek watersheds: 1) maximum total depth limits, 2) required water quality sampling with depth, and 3) a maximum specific conductance limit of 1000 uS/cm. Two WCP Stipulations are used to ensure these criteria are followed: 1) Stipulation No. 31 – Special Well Construction and 2) Stipulation No. 41 – Special Well Construction – Water Quality Sampling. Copies of these two stipulations are attached in Appendix II.

The aquifer information generated from the well back-plugging program is available to regulatory staff. Staff will utilize the information when making decisions regarding well construction in order to avoid continued use of highly mineralized water as a permanent irrigation source.

Since implementation of the SPCWMP Reasonable Assurance Document, five deep wells were permitted. Of the five wells, two received Stipulation No. 31 and three received Stipulations No.

31 and 41. Staff is working on continued coordination to ensure all permits in these watersheds receive both stipulations.

Well Construction

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) analyses of the District's well construction database indicate that there are approximately 845 existing groundwater irrigation wells within the SPJC watersheds. Of these wells, approximately 402 exceed the depth criteria.

Approximate Number of Existing Irrigation Wells Potentially Contributing to Impairment in the SPJC Watersheds (Sept 2008 – Sept 2010)

Watershed	No. of Existing Irrigation Wells	Depth Criteria*	Wells Exceeding Criteria
Joshua	331	1400	97
Prairie	357	1200	182
Shell	157	450	123
TOTALS	845	N/A	402

^{*}Total depth criteria used in the well construction queries were taken from average depths of post back-plugged irrigation wells per watershed and Regional Observation Monitor Well Program (ROMP) well site vertical water quality profile data.

Additional GIS well construction depth analyses indicate that there are 478 wells located in the impaired WBIDs of Shell Creek and Prairie Creek. Of these wells approximately 291 exceed depth criteria chosen for verified impaired WBIDs 1962, 2040 and 2041. Due to their location, these wells may directly contribute to impacts in area surface waters due to runoff from mineralized ground water. Testing of these irrigation wells is considered a priority effort in support of the FARMS Program and property owners will be given all possible assistance to expedite this task. A summary of well construction queries within the impaired WBIDs is given below.

Potential Number of Irrigation Wells Directly Contributing to Impairment in the SPJC Watersheds (Sept 2008 – Sept 2010)

Watershed	WBID No.	No. of Irrigation Wells	Depth Criteria*	Wells Exceeding Criteria
Shell	2040	146	450 ft.	105
Shell	2041	87	450 ft.	56
Prairie	1962	245	1200 ft.	130
TOTALS	N/A	478	N/A	291

^{*}Total depth criteria used in the well construction queries were taken from average depths of post back-plugged irrigation wells per watershed and ROMP well site vertical water quality profile data.

Within the impaired WBIDs, these "deeper" wells are associated with 34 Water Use Permits (WUPs) in the Prairie Creek watershed and 25 WUPs in the Shell Creek watershed and may be directly contributing to mineralized concentrations within these three impaired surface water WBIDs. These properties are considered a priority within the SPCWMP Reasonable Assurance document and will be given all possible assistance under the FARMS Program. Twenty-two of these priority permits located in the three Shell and Prairie Creek priority watersheds have Board approved FARMS projects.

Water Use Permitting

The District regulates the use of groundwater and surface water for irrigation, as well as other uses through Chapter 40D-2, Consumptive Use of Water. As part of the evaluation process, the District requires all Water Use Permit (WUP) applicants to evaluate the economic, technical, and environmental feasibility of developing an alternative supply, such as surface water. Funding for development of these alternative supplies can be provided through the FARMS program. Farm operators have an additional incentive to participate in the FARMS Program to address water quality issues in the SPJC watersheds. A June 30, 2010 amendment to the District's water use permitting rules in Chapter 40D-2, F.A.C. address permits with a 20 year duration. The amendment language allows for 20 year permits to be issued in accordance with the following criteria outlined in 40D-2.321, "Duration of Permits."

- (1) When requested by an applicant, a water use permit shall have a duration of 20 years if:
- (a) The applicant provides reasonable assurance that the proposed withdrawals and use meets the conditions for issuance in Rule 40D-2.301, F.A.C., and the criteria in Part B, Basis of Review, of the Water Use Permit Information Manual, incorporated by reference in Rule 40D-2.091, F.A.C., and
- (b) There is a demonstrated demand of at least 20 years, and
- (c) One or more of the conditions in paragraph (2)(a)-(f) will be met, and
- (d) Where mitigation measures are proposed by the applicant, paragraph (2)(g) is met.
- (2) Conditions for a water use permit with a duration of 20 years:
- (a) The permit is for the development of an Alternative Water Supply. A longer duration shall be granted where the permittee demonstrates a longer duration is required by the bonding authority for the retirement of bonds issued for the construction of the project and the applicant provides reasonable assurance that the proposed use meets the conditions for issuance in Rule 40D-2.301, F.A.C., and the criteria in Part B, Basis of Review, of the Water Use Permit Information Manual, and that there is a demonstrated demand for the requested duration.
- (b) The applicant demonstrates that at least 75 percent of their total annual average water needs will be met using an Alternative Water Supply or Supplies by the tenth year of the permit.
- (c) The applicant demonstrates that it has achieved and will maintain a compliance per capita rate of less than 110 gallons per day per person, or will achieve such per capita by the tenth year of the permit. For regional water supply authorities, the per capita rate requirements shall refer to the weighted average compliance per capita rate of the member governments.
- (d) The applicant demonstrates for its system-wide use of reclaimed water including imports and exports that it will beneficially reuse at least 75 percent of its treated domestic waste water, and at least 75 percent of that quantity will offset existing and planned water supplies by the tenth year of the permit. The term offset means the amount of traditional, potable quality water supplies that will be replaced by reclaimed water, expressed as an annual average in MGD.
- (e) The applicant demonstrates that the project meets the Conditions of Eligibility of the Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management System (FARMS) program as specified in Rule 40D-26.101, F.A.C. and has an approved Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management System (FARMS) application and, by the tenth year of the permit, demonstrates that it will develop an Alternative Water Supply or Supplies that offset a minimum of 50 percent of the applicant's current fresh or brackish water supply.
- (f) The permit to be issued is a Small General.

(g) Any pre-existing adverse impacts resulting from the permittee's existing permit that are being addressed through a mitigation plan that includes a minimum flow and level recovery strategy must be eliminated by the tenth year of the permit.

Since the implementation of the SPCWMP Reasonable Assurance document, staff have refined the boundaries of the watersheds and corrected the number of water use permits located in or bordering the watersheds. Based on that evaluation, there are currently 294 WUPs issued by the District in the Shell, Prairie and Joshua Creek watersheds for agriculture, mining/dewatering, public supply and industrial/commercial uses. During the October 2004 – July 2006 reporting period approximately 106.4 million gallons per day (mgd) was permitted for these four use types, approximately 117.6 mgd was permitted over the August 2006 – August 2008 reporting period, and approximately 143 mgd for the September 2008 – September 2010 reporting period. During the current reporting period, approximately 88.2 percent water use permits were for less than one percent for industrial/commercial and for mining/dewatering, and 11.4 percent for public supply. The table below provides a complete breakdown of the WUPs in the Shell, Prairie and Joshua Creek watersheds over both reporting time periods.

Water Use Permit Summary in the SPJC Watersheds (October 2004 - July 2006)

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Predominant Use	Shell Creek (avg. gpd)	Prairie Creek (avg. gpd)	Joshua Creek (avg. gpd)	Total (avg. gpd)	Percent Use in Watershed
Agriculture	19,422,400	47,254,560	33,576,000	100,252,960	94.2%
Public Supply	5,370,100	347,600	155,000	5,872,700	5.5%
Mining/ Dewatering	95,000	121,000	0	216,000	0.2%
Industrial/ Commercial	0	0	76,100	76,100	0.1%
Total Permitted Quantities (gpd)	24,887,500	47,723,160	33,807,100	106,417,760	100.0%

Water Use Permit Summary in the SPJC Watersheds (August 2006 – August 2008)

Predominant Use	Shell Creek (avg. gpd)	Prairie Creek (avg. gpd)	Joshua Creek (avg. gpd)	Total (avg. gpd)	Percent Use in Watershed
Agriculture	17,631,300	47,624,600	33,870,700	99,126,600	84.4%
Public Supply	15,300,100	821,600	155,000	16,276,700	13.9%
Mining/ Dewatering	1,806,500	211,500	0	2,018,000	1.7%
Industrial/ Commercial	0	0	0	0	0%
Total Permitted Quantities (gpd)	34,737,900	48,657,700	34,025,800	117,421,300	100.0%

Water Use Permit Summary in the SPJC Watersheds (Sept 2008 - Sept 2010)

Predominant Use	Shell Creek (avg. gpd)	Prairie Creek (avg. gpd)	Joshua Creek (avg. gpd)	Total (avg. gpd)	Percent Use in Watershed
Agriculture	27,797,500	56,937,600	41,406,800	126,141,900	88.2%
Public Supply	15,300,100	821,600	155,000	16,276,700	11.4%
Mining/ Dewatering	319,700	204,300	0	524,000	0.4%
Industrial/ Commercial	0	0	76,100	76,100	<0.1%
Total Permitted Quantities (gpd)	43,417,300	57,963,500	41,637,900	143,018,700	100.0%

Of the 11.4 percent for public supply, 99 percent is surface water from the Shell Creek Reservoir for the City of Punta Gorda. The remaining percentage is groundwater that is treated through a lime softening process or other similar process to meet drinking water standards prior to consumption.

The quantities of water for mining/dewatering are based upon that volume of water that is transported off-site as moisture contained within the product mined, generally sand or shell. The shallow water table aquifer water contained within the sand or shell does not contribute to the declining water quality in these two basins and is not considered an integral contributor to the water quality issues in these basins.

The permits that have been renewed in the past several years will contain all of the necessary special conditions designed to meet the water quality issues associated with this management plan. Appendix II provides an example of the special conditions attached to WUPs to address water quality impairment in the SPJC watersheds.

Within the WUP renewal process, each applicant must address the issue of groundwater quality, the potential effects on the surface water bodies within each WBID in which it is located and address the composite water quality potentially leaving each site. An integral part of that analysis includes water quality sampling of ground water from existing wells and potentially modifying the construction of the existing well if the water quality does not meet the standard of 1000 uS/cm. In addition, if a new well is proposed under the water use permit the District will stipulate the construction standard in order to meet all of the requirements of the SPCWMP Reasonable Assurance document (see Appendix III).

Resource Regulation activities have already shown the ability to account for a significant improvement in surface water quality. As District staff performs water quality monitoring in tributaries that flow into Shell, Prairie and Joshua Creeks, they are able to identify potential water quality "hot spots". The location of these "hot spots" provides Regulation staff with additional information that can be taken into account during the WUP evaluation process. Regulation staff then urges permittees toward the FARMS and Back-Plugging Programs for cost-share assistance to address and remediate water quality issues at those sites. This staff coordination within the District will allow for continued water quality improvements within these watersheds.

Mini-FARMS Program

In 2005, the District and FDACS agreed to co-fund the Mini-FARMS Program, which assists smaller growers (generally defined as having irrigated acreage of less than 100 acres) in establishing Best Management Practices (BMPs) for water resource improvements within the District. The Mini-Farms Program was administered by FDACS through contractual agreements with local Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs). The cost-share reimbursement rate was capped at 85 percent of verified costs for eligible items, up to a maximum amount of \$8,000 per project. Program cooperators sign a "Notice of Intent" (NOI) form that is submitted to FDACS staff to provide documentation that serves as proof of the applicant's intent to implement BMPs in accordance with F.S. 403.067(7)(c)2.

Beginning in 2010 the Mini-FARMS cost-share rate was changed to 75 percent of verified costs for eligible items, up to \$5,000 per project with eligibility and reimbursements administered jointly by FDACS and SWFMD apart from the previous SWCD participation.

To qualify for Mini-FARMS BMP cost-share the following criteria must be met:

- Production units under consideration for cost share are limited to 100 irrigated acres or less per parcel. All pressurized irrigation systems are encouraged to receive an expedited Mobile Irrigation Lab evaluation if water conservation BMPs are contemplated.
- Actively engaged in agriculture the past two years.
- All sites considered for possible cost share assistance must be free of active regulatory enforcement action that may influence the scope of the project.
- A grower must be enrolled to implement BMPs. Qualifying BMPs must be first time, new installations; the Mini-FARMS Program will not reimburse for like-kind replacements. Replacement of existing items may be eligible if improvements to the system can be demonstrated to have environmental benefits.

During the October 2004 – July 2006 reporting period the Mini-Farms Program had initiated two projects. Throughout August 2006 – August 2008 sixteen more projects were added. These projects were administered by Highlands, Hillsborough, Manatee, and Peace River Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Of the eighteen total projects only one is located within the SPJC watersheds (Charlotte County). Funding of \$50,000 was provided to FDACS by the District during FY2010

Best Management Practices

Agricultural BMP Implementation through the Notice of Intent (NOI) Process and Florida Watershed Restoration Act

The FDACS coordinates with the FDEP and other stakeholders to identify and adopt science-based BMPs to minimize water quality and quantity impacts from agricultural operations. BMPs must be economically viable and focus on real problems using workable solutions. As a part of BMP implementation, growers participate in an environmental assessment of their farming operations. This process helps to identify the applicable BMPs to address water quality and quantity concerns. Farmers and ranchers submit the identified BMPs, those in place and planned, to FDACS along with an NOI to implement the BMPs. The District's Governing Board approved funding for this program at a level of \$50,000 covering the previous three Fiscal Years beginning in FY2010 for a combined total of \$150,000. Additional funding support from the District is anticipated in future years.

Section 403.067(7)(c)(3), Florida Statutes, provides a *Presumption of Compliance* with water quality standards to growers who enroll in and implement/maintain FDACS BMPs that FDEP has verified as effective in addressing pollutant loads addressed by the practices. Participation in BMPs also precludes FDEP from recovering costs or damages associated with contamination of surface or ground waters from the targeted pollutants. Additionally, growers enrolled in the BMP Program can become eligible for cost-share funding to implement specific practices. FDACS has the lead role in coordinating the development and implementation of BMPs. The adopted manuals, rules, and other documents can be found at:

http://www.floridaagwaterpolicy.com/BestManagementPractices.html

Water Quality BMPs for Peace River Valley / Manasota Basin Citrus Groves

In February 2005, the FDACS adopted a manual detailing BMPs for Citrus Groves in the Peace River and Manasota Basins. The complete manual can be found at:

http://www.floridaagwaterpolicy.com/PDF/Bmps/Bmp PeaceRiverCitrus2004.pdf

The FDACS is in the process of adopting a consolidated, statewide citrus manual, which integrates flatwoods and ridge citrus BMPs into a single document. Ridge Citrus operations will be required to re-enroll under the manual within a specified time period. While already-enrolled active flatwoods operations will be "grandfathered" under the new manual, grove owners who are re-establishing fallow groves will be encouraged and expected to re-enroll under the new manual.

BMPs in the Peace River/Manasota Basins Citrus BMP Program involve water management systems, including tailwater recovery, surface water use, and soil moisture monitoring. These are activities the FARMS Program typically funds. The Flatwoods Citrus area includes the Peace River and Manasota watersheds, which are priority areas for the FARMS Program. The District's Governing Board additionally approved funding for this specific program at a level of \$150,000 (\$50,000 for each of a three year period). The EPA, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS), South Florida Water Management District, and St. Johns Water Management District also provided funds for this project.

The following table shows BMP enrollment acreage in the Peace River Basin as of September, 2010. Overall, 144,685 acres in the Peace River Basin have been enrolled.

Summary of Citrus Enrollment by County as of September 31, 2010

County	Acres ¹	2010 FASS Census Acres ²	Percent of FASS Acres Enrolled
Charlotte	6,504	12,258	53%
DeSoto	45,177	62,508	72%
Hardee	17,017	46,921	36%
Manatee	3,872	18,400	21%
Sarasota	38	1,398	3%
Total	72,609	141,512	51%

¹Acres enrolled under the PRMB Citrus BMP Program.

Best Management Practices for Vegetable and Agronomic Crops

In 2006, the FDACS adopted a manual detailing the water quality/quantity BMPs for Florida Vegetable and Agronomic Crops. The manual is applicable to vegetable and agronomic crop farmers statewide. The manual addresses vegetables, potatoes, corn, soybeans, peanuts, peppers, sugarcane, and cotton. For the purposes of this manual, vegetables also include tomatoes, cucumbers, strawberries, melons, and various types of squashes. The FDACS plans to revise the manual within the next two years, to provide a clearer structure, update the BMPs as applicable, and include hay and caladiums.

The BMPs contained in the existing manual should decrease leaching of nutrients and agricultural chemicals into groundwater and reduce the off-site movement of pesticides, nutrients, sediments, and overall water volume to surface water sources. The major categories of BMPs are listed below. The manual can be found at: http://www.floridaagwaterpolicy.com/PDF/Bmps/Bmp VeggieAgroCrops2005.pdf

- Pesticide Management
- Conservation Practices And Buffers
- Erosion Control And Sediment Management
- Nutrient And Irrigation Management
- Water Resources Management
- Seasonal Or Temporary Farming

The BMPs assist in the implementation of the vegetable and agronomic BMP Program involve water management systems, including tailwater recovery systems, surface water use, and soil moisture monitoring. These are activities that FARMS typically funds. The District's Governing Board additionally approved funding for this specific program at a level of \$50,000 for two years, and \$50,000 for the final third year, for a total of \$150,000. The EPA and FDACS also contributed funding to this project.

²County citrus acreage obtained from Commercial Citrus Inventory 2008 (April 2009), Florida Agricultural Statistics Service (FASS), Maitland, Florida.

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Florida/Publications/Citrus/cci/2008/cci08.pdf

The following table shows the acreage enrolled in BMPs as of September 31,2010.

Summary of Vegetable/Row Crop BMP Enrollment within the PRMB by County as of August September 31, 2010

County	Acres
Charlotte	110
DeSoto	2,250
Hardee	0
Manatee	29,731
Sarasota	0
Total	32,091

Best Management Practices for Cow/Calf Operations

In 2009, the FDACS adopted a statewide BMP manual for beef cow/calf operations in Florida. These practices are designed to protect water resources and help maintain compliance with state water quality standards. The manual discusses Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) and why it is important to the rancher to implement BMPs. Assistance in conducting a site assessment and enrolling in BMPs can be obtained from FDACS and its contractors. Agricultural Extension agents may be able to provide technical assistance with BMP implementation.

Best Management Practices for Florida Container Nursery

In 2007, FDACS adopted a statewide manual detailing the water quality/quantity BMPs for Florida Container Nurseries. The major categories of BMPs are listed below:

- Nursery layout
- Container substrate and planting practices
- Fertilization management
- Container substrate nutrient monitoring
- Irrigation water quality
- Irrigation application
- Irrigation uniformity
- Erosion control and runoff water management
- Pesticide management
- Waste management

The following table shows the extent of container nursery enrollment.

Summary of Nursery Enrollments within the PRMB by County as of September 31, 2010

County	Acres
Charlotte	26.5
DeSoto	0
Hardee	0
Manatee	18
Sarasota	8.8
Total	53.3

The complete container nursery manual can be found by accessing the following link: http://www.floridaagwaterpolicy.com/PDF/Bmps/Bmp FloridaContainerNurseries2007.pdf

Water Quality BMPs for Sod Production

In 2008, FDACS adopted a statewide BMP manual for Florida Sod. The major categories of BMPs are listed below:

- Nutrient management
- Irrigation scheduling
- Irrigation system maintenance and evaluation
- Sediment and erosion control measures
- Integrated pest management
- Wellhead protection
- Wetlands and springs protection
- Ditch construction and maintenance
- Conservation buffers
- Stormwater management
- Access roads
- Mowing management
- Seasonal farming operations

As of September 31, 2010, 3,032 acres of sod operations were enrolled within PRMB.

The complete manual can be found by accessing the following link: http://www.floridaagwaterpolicy.com/PDF/Bmps/Bmp_FloridaSod2008.pdf

BMP Implementation Assurance

The Office of Agriculture Water Policy (OAWP) is conducting BMP Implementation Assurance Program, in order to evaluate the level of BMP implementation by commodity and determine where improvements might be needed in the respective programs. The OAWP has published three annual reports, detailing the results of written surveys and site visits relating to BMP implementation in the Suwannee River Basin, Lake Okeechobee Watershed, Ridge and flatwoods citrus areas, vegetable and agronomic crop operations, and container nurseries.

Implementation Assurance Reports can be found by accessing the following link: http://www.floridaagwaterpolicy.com/ImplementationAssurance.html

Federal Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a voluntary program that provides financial assistance to farmers and ranchers who face threats to soil, water, air, plant and related natural resources on their land. Through EQIP, the NRCS provides assistance to agricultural producers in a manner that will promote agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible goals, optimize environmental benefits, and help farmers and ranchers meet federal, state, tribal, and local environmental requirements.

EQIP was reauthorized in the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Farm Bill). The 2002 Farm Bill provides the funds, facilities, and authorities of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) to NRCS for carrying out EQIP and working with landowners to implement conservation practices on their property.

National priorities will be used to guide which producers will be selected to receive EQIP funding. The national priorities are:

- Reductions of nonpoint source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, or excess salinity in impaired watersheds consistent with total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) where available; the reduction of surface and groundwater contamination; and the reduction of contamination from agricultural point sources, such as concentrated animal feeding operations;
- Conservation of ground and surface water resources;
- Reduction of emissions, such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides, volatile organic compounds, and ozone precursors and depleters that contribute to air quality impairment violations of National Ambient Air Quality Standards;
- Reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land; and,
- Promotion of at-risk species habitation conservation.

The NRCS State Conservationist, with advice from the State Technical Committee, decides how funds will be apportioned into various resource concerns, what practices will be offered, what cost-share rates will be, and the ranking process used to prioritize contracts.

EQIP Eligibility

Persons engaged in livestock or agricultural productions are eligible for the program. Eligible land includes cropland, rangeland, pasture, private non-industrial forestland, and other farm or ranch land. Land that has been irrigated two of the last five years is eligible for EQIP assistance to improve irrigation efficiency. NRCS works with the participant to develop the Resource Management System (RMS) Plan of Operations. This RMS Plan becomes the basis for which practices are eligible for cost-share assistance and become part of the cost-share agreement between NRCS and the participant. NRCS provides cost-share payments to landowners under these agreements that can be up to ten years in duration.

The total amount of cost-share and incentive payments paid to an individual or entity is limited to an aggregate of \$300,000, directly or indirectly, for all contracts entered into during fiscal years 2009 through 2014.

2008-2010 EQIP Action Item Timeline

- EQIP has a continuous signup period.
- Annually, NRCS establishes a cutoff date for applications to be evaluated and ranked for current year funding.
- All applications received after the cutoff date will be held for evaluation for funding the following fiscal year.
- Stakeholder and local working group meetings are conducted to develop local resource concerns.

History of Funding in Charlotte County

Since 2004, there have been 28 farms funded under EQIP totaling 31,629 acres. The total cost-share funding obligated for the 28 farms was \$3,593,501.

History of EQIP Funding in Charlotte County; 2004 - 2010

Year	Acres	Cost-Share Funding Obligated
2004	831	\$345,100
2005	7,184	\$226,228
2006	2,355	\$791,885
2007	1,323	\$677,498
2008	12,238	\$559,425
2009	6,058	\$148,034
2010	1,640	\$845,331
Total	31,629	\$3,593,501

History of Funding in DeSoto County

Since 2004, there have been 31 farms funded under EQIP totaling 19,455 acres. The total cost-share funding obligated for the 31 farms was \$4,238,630.

History of EQIP Funding in DeSoto County; 2004 - 2010

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Year	Acres	Cost-Share Funding Obligated		
2004-2005	5,880	\$1,394,649		
2006	0	\$0		
2007	2,674	\$932,463		
2008	4,326	\$1,377,116		
2009	1,944	\$426,541		
2010	4,631	\$107,591		
Total	19,455	\$4,238,360		

The following link provides additional information and a list of conservation practices: http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/PROGRAMS/EQIP/

Regional Water Supply Plan and Southern Water Use Caution Area Recovery Strategy

In December 2006, the District Governing Board approved the "Regional Water Supply Plan" (RWSP) (SWFWMD, 2006). The RWSP is an updated assessment of projected water demands and potential sources of water to meet these demands in the Planning Region (which includes the SPJC watersheds) of the District for the period 2000 to 2025. The purpose of the plan, as an update to the 2001 RWSP, is to provide the framework for future water management decision in areas of the District where the hydrologic system is stressed due to ground-water withdrawals. The RWSP identifies potential options and associated costs for developing alternative sources. The RWSP is a critical component in the SPCWMP Reasonable Assurance document because it identifies and promotes the use of alternative sources, including surface water or improved irrigation management systems to provide conservation. The increased use of these alternative sources will decrease the reliance of the agricultural community on poor

ground-water quality wells within the area covered under the SPCWMP Reasonable Assurance document.

The 2006 version of the RWSP specifically includes some of the key management actions that are also a part of the SPCWMP Reasonable Assurance document. Page five of the RWSP indicates that one of the guiding principles developed since the 2001 RWSP includes expanding agricultural conservation programs such as FARMS. Pages 17, 18, 199, and 200 of the RWSP highlight the accomplishments of the FARMS Program, the Irrigation Well Back-Plugging Program, and the QWIP. The emphasis these key SPCWMP Reasonable Assurance document management actions have within the context of the RWSP indicates the strong commitment to these efforts by the District and its cooperators in the Shell and Prairie Creek areas. Water resource planning in the RWSP is expected to continue to support efforts to reduce ground water use within the SPJC area, which will improve water quality in surface waters impacted by mineralized ground water withdrawals.

The Southern Water Use Caution Area (SWUCA) Recovery Strategy (SWFWMD, 2006) was completed in March 2006. As in the draft version of this report, the critical goal of this strategy is to reduce ground water withdrawals within the SWUCA (including the area of the SPCWMP Reasonable Assurance document) to improve lake levels in the Lake Wales Ridge area, increase river flows in the Upper Peace River, slow salt water intrusion in the Upper Floridan aquifer along coastal regions, and ensure there are sufficient water supplies for all existing and projected reasonable-beneficial users. As with the RWSP, the SWUCA Recovery Strategy specifically references agricultural conservation efforts and alternative supplies to accomplish these goals.

A specific example of these goals includes the new SWUCA resource regulation rules. These rules can require increased agricultural efficiencies as well as conditions on Water Use Permits that directly address the installation of alternative supply irrigation sources. These efforts reduce the reliance on ground water by the agricultural community which also limits the use of mineralized water that can potentially impact surface water.

Both the RWSP and the SWUCA Recovery Strategy focus extensively on reducing Upper Floridan aquifer ground water withdrawals. The focus on reducing Upper Floridan water use, as applied within the area of the SPCWMP Reasonable Assurance document, results in a reduction in the use of Upper Floridan aquifer zones that are potentially mineralized due to elevated concentrations of chloride, TDS, and specific conductance. A reduction in ground water use lowers the potential for poor water quality to enter area surface water bodies. This strongly links the RWSP and SWUCA Recovery Strategy with the Class I water quality impairment issues described within this plan. As the recommendations and strategies in these documents continue to be implemented, including such efforts as FARMS projects, land acquisition activities, well plugging and back-plugging, and new water use rules, continued progress in improving water quality conditions is expected. The natural alignment on water resource issues that these two critical guidance documents provide to the relatively localized issue of the SPCWMP Reasonable Assurance document ensure considerable progress will be achieved.

Land Acquisition Programs

Funding for land acquisitions in the state of Florida is possible through the Florida Forever Program. This Program was established by the Florida Legislature in 1999 and provides funding to several state agencies and the five Water Management Districts for land acquisition (including less-than-fee (LTF) interests).

To date, the District has acquired approximately 39,000 acres in the Prairie and Shell Creek Watersheds through either fee or LTF interests. Proposed land acquisition projects in these watersheds total approximately 56,000 acres through fee or LTF interests. The acquired land totals have not changed significantly since publication of the SPJCWMP Reasonable Assurance document in December 2004, although the following table which summarizes the acreage totals associated with these land acquisition projects is slightly different than the information presented in the SPJCWMP. The slight differences in these figures are attributed to changes in the District's methodologies for determining acreage totals. In 2004, acres reported on legal deed descriptions were used, and in more recent year ArcGIS mapping tools were utilized to portray more accurate estimates.

Acquisition of the Long Island Marsh property is currently under additional review and may also be eligible for federal funding through the USDA Wetlands Reserve Program. It has been proposed that a portion of the 7,016-acre (fee) parcel be acquired through LTF interests. Terms under this agreement would potentially allow for the construction of surface water retention and storage areas. These projects would provide supplies of good water quality for augmentation of the Montgomery Canal/Prairie Creek system during dry season periods. Considerable groundwater use savings and surface-water quality improvement will be realized if these proposed property acquisitions are made through fee interests.

Summary of Acreage Totals Associated with District Land Acquisition Projects in the SPJC Watersheds

		Acres Acquired		Acres Proposed		
Project	Watershed/County	Fee	Less-than- fee	Fee	Less-than- fee	Totals
Prairie / Shell Creek	Prairie and Shell Cr. / Charlotte	609		5,192	14,011	19,812
Bright Hour Watershed	Prairie Cr. / DeSoto		32,247		21,212	53,459
Long Island Marsh	Prairie Cr. / DeSoto			7,016		7,016
Hall Ranch	Prairie and Shell Cr. / Charlotte			8,550		8,550
Cecil Webb Wildlife Management Area	Shell Cr. / Charlotte	6,320				6,320

The Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority recently completed the Regional Source Feasibility Study. Within the document, the Shell Creek System, located in north and east Charlotte County and southeast DeSoto County, is identified as a potential future water supply source out past 2020. The feasibility study investigated creating new storage and enhancing the available yield of Shell Creek. Part of this project could be done in conjunction with the City of Punta Gorda, who utilizes Shell Creek as their raw water source. The District could acquire lands in these regions of the Shell and Prairie Creek watersheds if this portion of the Study moves forward.

On November 7, 2006 Charlotte County citizens approved a referendum authorizing the county to issue up to \$77 million in bonds to purchase environmentally sensitive lands under the Conservation Charlotte initiative. These lands are to be held in preservation for public use. The bonds are paid for by a .20 mil ad valorem tax and will be levied annually until 2027. The Charlotte County Natural Resources Division is responsible for the management of these lands, and under this program anyone can nominate land for acquisition. Sites are reviewed using science-based criteria by biologists from the Natural Resources Division, with final purchases approved by the Board of Charlotte County Commissioners. Approximately 2,000 acres have been acquired since the inception of this program that fall within the impaired SPJC watersheds. The following table summarizes these purchased lands.

Summary of Acreage Totals Associated with Charlotte County's "Conservation Charlotte" Land Acquisition Projects in the SPJC Watersheds

Project	Watershed/County	Acres Acquired
Shell Creek Preserve	Shell Cr. / Charlotte	370
Prairie Creek Preserve	Prairie Cr. / DeSoto	1,600

Education and Outreach Activities

Education and outreach activities are an integrated collaborative approach at state, regional, and local levels. These cooperative efforts in the SPJC have involved the FDEP, FDACS, District, City of Punta Gorda, Charlotte Harbor Estuary Program, Peace River Valley Citrus

Growers Association, University of Florida/Institute of Food and Agricultural Science, USDA-NRCS, and Florida Farm Bureau. Activities have and continue to focus on State Legislative Delegations, Regional Policy Boards, and grower associations. Also, articles and press releases concerning this issue and associated recovery strategies are an on-going activity. Additionally, display booths and presentations are provided at relevant conferences and commodity trade organizations.

A considerable education and outreach effort is tied to the FARMS and Well Back-Plugging Programs. Each of these programs entails numerous site visits with potential program applicants which allows for an opportunity to educate individual growers on the water quality issues within the SPJC watersheds. Growers who have participated in these cost-share programs have realized significantly improved quality of water available for irrigation use. This, in turn, has resulted in improved tree quality and fruit yield. This education and outreach effort, coupled with the ability to demonstrate both environmental and economic impact improvements, provides the greatest opportunity to involve additional growers within the region in management actions.

See Appendix V for a partial list of media coverage, and outreach and education activities that have occurred throughout the timeline of this document.

Regional Water Quality Monitoring Networks

Coastal Ground-Water Quality Monitoring Network (District) and Water-Use Permitting Ground-Water Quality Monitoring Network (District)

Water quality data collected by the District's Water Quality Monitoring Program were used in Volume VI of the Coastal Ground-Water Quality Monitoring Network / Water-Use Permit Network Report (SWFWMD, 2011) in order to assess changes in the water quality of wells in the Coastal Ground-Water Quality Monitoring Network (CGWQMN) and the Water-Use Permit Ground-Water Quality Monitoring Network (WUPNET) over a period of fourteen years from 1993 to 2007. Monitor wells throughout the District were included in the analysis for this report. In order to assess the increases and decreases in chloride concentrations for the SPJC area, only information for Charlotte, Desoto, and Highlands counties from this report will be discussed.

According to the Coastal Ground-Water Quality Monitoring Network / Water-Use Permit Network Report, wells located in the Southern Water Use Caution Area (SWUCA), which incorporates the SPJC area, are particularly at risk of contamination by salt-water intrusion and sulfate enriched mineralized waters. This is most likely due to ground water withdrawals that reduce coastal discharge. The trending of both chloride and sulfate, along with chloride/sulfate ratios, were examined within the report. The Wilcoxon Rank-Sum test, a statistical trend analysis method, was used to evaluate the data. The data were separated into six different temporal groups and compared according to the bounds of the test. For the SPJC area, the percentage of wells with significant increases and decreases in chloride for Charlotte, Desoto, and Highlands counties is presented below.

From the seven-year temporal group chloride trend analysis comparisons performed, Charlotte and Desoto were two of the counties established to have monitor well(s) in the intermediate aquifer with significantly increasing chloride trends. It is important to note that other intermediate aquifer and Tampa/Suwannee monitor wells in these two counties also showed a significant decrease in chloride concentrations. A significant increase in chloride concentrations was reported for six wells (approximately 33 percent) in Charlotte County and one well

(approximately 17 percent) in Desoto County. A significant decrease in chlorides was reported for three wells (approximately 17 percent) in Charlotte County and one well (approximately 17 percent) in Desoto County. This can possibly be explained by localized land uses, which may be contributing to the upwelling of transition zone waters. In Desoto County, the Tampa/Suwannee monitor well(s) were found not to have a significant increase in chloride concentrations, while five Ocala/ Avon Park monitor wells (approximately 83 percent) were found to have a significant increase in chloride concentrations. Conversely, in Charlotte County the Ocala/Avon Park monitor well(s) did not display any significant increases in chlorides, but one Tampa/Suwannee monitor well (25 percent) was reported to have a significant increase in chloride concentrations. Highlands County was only represented in the Ocala/Avon Park monitor well analysis and determined to have one well (50 percent) with a significant increase in chloride concentration. The following tables summarize the fourteen-year chloride trend results for Charlotte, DeSoto, and Highlands counties:

Fourteen Year Chloride Trend Analysis Results for Monitor Wells in Charlotte County

Well / Aquifer Type	No. Wells Analyzed	No. Wells w/Significant Trend	Percentage Wells w/Significant Trend
Intermediate	18	6↑, 3↓	33%↑, 17%↓
Tampa/Suwannee	4	1↑, 1↓	25%↑, 25%↓
Ocala/Avon Park	1	0↑, 0↓	0%↑, 0%↓

Fourteen Year Chloride Trend Analysis Results for Monitor Wells in DeSoto County

Well / Aquifer Type	No. Wells Analyzed	No. Wells w/Significant Trend	Percentage Wells w/Significant Trend
Intermediate	6	1↑, 1↓	17%↑, 17%↓
Tampa/Suwannee	4	0↑, 1↓	0%↑, 25%↓
Ocala/Avon Park	6	5↑, 0↓	83%↑, 0%↓

Fourteen Year Chloride Trend Analysis Results for Monitor Wells in Highlands County

Well / Aquifer Type	No. Wells Analyzed	No. Wells w/Significant Trend	Percentage Wells w/Significant Trend
Intermediate	0	0↑, 0↓	0%↑, 0%↓
Tampa/Suwannee	0	0↑, 0↓	0%↑, 0%↓
Ocala/Avon Park	2	1↑, 0↓	50%↑, 0%↓

Efforts to continue ground-water quality monitoring for salt water intrusion and/or up-welling of mineralized water through the CGWQMN and WUPNET are scheduled to be a continuous long term data collection effort. A seventh volume of the CGWQMN and WUPNET report is currently scheduled to be produced in 2012.

Mobile Irrigation Laboratory

The following information was taken from the Fiscal Year Activity Reports, which are submitted to the District by the USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Wauchula, Florida. Acreage evaluations for irrigation management and crop types are not broken down by geographical region because this information remains confidential to encourage greater participation by agriculture entities. Therefore, information specific to the SPJC Watersheds is not available.

Project Description

The Mobile Irrigation Laboratory (MIL) is a joint project of the District and the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The purpose of the MIL project is to help farmers and growers in Southwest Florida conserve water through efficient irrigation. The Lab operator helps irrigators test the performance of irrigation systems, plan system improvements and establish irrigation schedules. In addition, the lab operator helps growers install tensiometers, water table observation wells and other water saving devices.

Accomplishments in 2008 - 2010

In Fiscal Year 2008 through 2010 (October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2010), the MIL assisted 10 growers or irrigation system operators. Eight irrigation systems were tested serving a total of about 355 acres. If recommended improvements are made, the Potential Water Saving will be 90 million gallons per year (based on Farms Irrigation Rating Method estimates). Five new microirrigation systems were installed covering 155 acres. Follow up services were provided for six sites to review water management plans, plan system improvements, and install or service water management equipment. From FY 200 8 to FY 2010 MIL services (i.e. evaluations and irrigation management) were provided for irrigation systems serving over 3000 acres.

Accomplishments in 2007 - 2008

In Fiscal Year 2007 (October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007), the MIL assisted 52 growers or irrigation system operators. Seven irrigation systems were tested serving a total of about 620 acres. If recommended improvements are made, an estimated 13 percent average increase in efficiency will result in these systems. Follow up services were provided for 45 sites to review water management plans, plan system improvements, and install or service water management equipment. In 2007 MIL services (i.e. evaluations and irrigation management) were provided for irrigation systems serving over 3000 acres. Since the beginning of the project in 1986, assistance has been provided for 1040 irrigation systems serving approximately 46,000 acres.

Much of the water management assistance in 2007 involved helping NRCS field offices with EQIP practices. The Wauchula field office and other field offices were assisted with checking needs, planning, designing or checking 30 irrigation systems for EQIP. An additional 15 cooperators throughout the area were assisted with irrigation system designs, evaluations or water management.

During Fiscal Year 2008 the MIL was without a designated operator due to a vacated position while the staff position was advertised and filled. A new operator was brought on board in late 2008 therefore only one project was conducted. This project was a single site irrigation efficiency evaluation.

Accomplishments in 2005 - 2006

In Fiscal Year 2006 (October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006), the MIL assisted 31 growers or irrigation system operators. Thirteen irrigation systems were tested, serving a total of about 630 acres. If recommended improvements are made, an estimated 9 percent average increase in efficiency will result in these systems. Follow-up services were provided for 22 sites to review water management plans, plan system improvements, and install or service water management equipment. In 2005-2006, MIL services (i.e., evaluations and irrigation management) were provided for irrigation systems serving over 3000 acres.

Research Activities; September 2008 - September 2010

The following are project summaries of District cooperatively funded agricultural research initiatives to develop and implement BMPs in the SPJC watersheds:

Water Use of Two Bio Fuel Crops

Water Supply (100 percent)

Cooperator: University of Florida; Project in progress.

The District will receive important information to permit reasonable and beneficial quantities for the production of bio fuels. Without this information there will be no way to determine if the permit allocation for bio fuels production is correct. In addition, the FARMs program and the District's water use planning/conservation programs will receive information for their programs. FARMS will be able to determine water savings and the conservation programs will have information on saving water for an emerging crop. The District uses crop water use information in permitting, planning, conservation and for the FARMS program. This project will determine water use for the two most likely crops to be grown in the District for bio Fuels.

Evaluation of Minimal Required Number of Soil Moisture Sensors for Uniform Agricultural Irrigation Control

Water Supply (100 percent)

Cooperator: University of Florida; Project in progress.

Recently, the District and FDACS have funded multi-year projects to investigate the potential use of soil moisture based irrigation. The use of soil moisture sensors has shown strong potential for saving irrigation water. This project will determine how many sensors are needed for each location. The information from the project will be used by the District's FARMs program and many also be used for permitting water use.

Ongoing Research from Previous Reporting Periods:

Florida Automated Weather Network (FAWN)

Water Supply (100 percent)

Cooperator: University of Florida; Project in progress.

The Florida Automated Weather Network (FAWN) project started in 1997 and the District's involvement with the project started in 2003. This project collects and distributes real-time weather and climatic data, specifically geared to agricultural users, to increase irrigation efficiencies and reduce water use. Funding for the project is provided annually and primarily supports network maintenance and enhancements. In FY2010 and FY2011 FAWN introduced a cold weather tool kit, designed to assist agricultural users in reducing their frost/freeze water use. FAWN also conducts educational workshops and commodity based weather schools to promote the proper use of the information available on the FAWN website.

Water Budget & Irrigation for Mature Southern Highbush Blueberries

Peace River Basin equal partner funding, Water Supply (90 percent), Water Quality (10 percent) Cooperator: University of Florida; Project in progress.

Florida blueberry growers generally irrigate every two to three days during the growing season. Frequent irrigation is thought to be needed because the raised, bark-amended soil beds typically used for planting dry out rapidly due to exposure and limited water holding capacity in the effective root zone. The amount of water applied for each irrigation event may well be in excess of what is needed to adequately saturate the effective root zone. Comparisons will be

made of plant growth and yield under "standard" and "reduced" irrigation rates to determine total water budget and crop coefficient.

Automated Citrus Irrigation Management to Reduce Water Consumption

Peace River Basin, Water Supply (80 percent), Flood Protection (10 percent), Water Quality (10 percent)

Cooperator: University of Florida; Project in progress.

Agriculture is the largest permitted water use in the District, with citrus production accounting for over 336 mgd, located mostly in the SWUCA. The purpose of this project is to help citrus growers reduce their water use by developing and comparing improved irrigation scheduling tools for citrus production, particularly for automated systems. Where applicable, this project will build on past projects and use new technology to help reduce water and fertilizer use. The actual amount of water saved will depend on acres planted and climatic and growing conditions.

Citrus Irrigation Management to Increase Young Tree Growth & Productivity on Flatwoods Ridge Soils

Peace River Basin partner funding, Water Supply (85 percent), Water Quality (15 percent) Cooperator: University of Florida; Project in progress.

Due to citrus greening, canker, and labor issues, the industry is looking to the University to develop different techniques for economical production of citrus in Florida, including high density planting of smaller trees. This project will develop irrigation and nutrient management recommendations for this new method of production to help conserve water and reduce nutrient loading. The University will investigate and develop new cultural technology, including changes to plant density, nutrient, and irrigation management. The amount of water saved will be a function of the number of acres planted and their water use, which will change annually, based on market and climatic conditions.

Evaluation of Different On-Farm Blueberry Systems to Improve Irrigation Efficiency

Peace River Basin, Water Supply (85 percent), Water Quality (15 percent)

Cooperator: University of Florida; Project in progress.

Due to market conditions and plant diseases, many central Florida producers have converted production acres to blueberries, a high value cash crop. However, the newer growers have little experience with blueberry irrigation and management options. This project will compare different irrigation management techniques under real production conditions to determine the most efficient method of blueberry irrigation. The project's results will be presented to growers during a field day.

Reduction of Water Use for Citrus Cold Protection

Peace River Basin, Water Supply (90 percent), Water Quality (10 percent)

Cooperator: University of Florida; Completion report in progress.

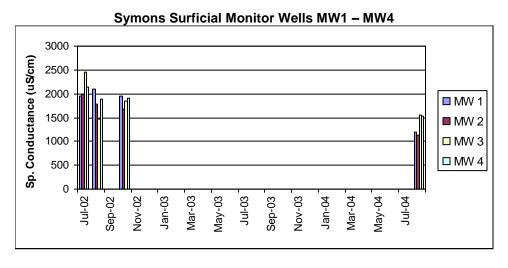
Low volume irrigation is used by Florida citrus growers to conserve water and provide a more effective method of freeze protection. However, using irrigation for freeze protection requires timely decision making to avoid water reaching freezing temperature in the irrigation system piping. The purpose of this project is to develop site-specific methodology to accurately determine next-day minimum temperatures based on sunset temperatures the previous evening. The amount of water saved will depend on the implementation of management practices and area of crop production, which may periodically change with conditions of market and weather.

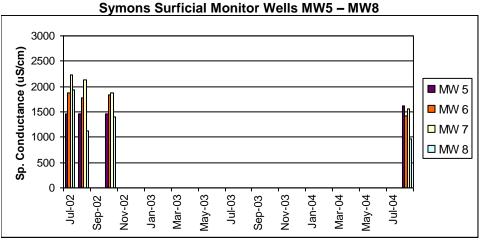
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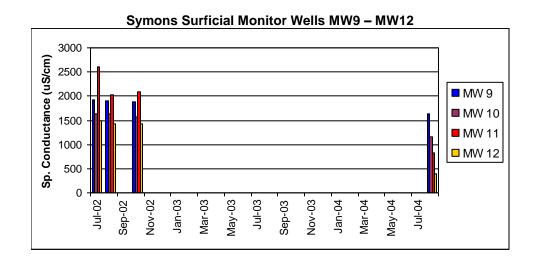
Back-Plugging of Deep Irrigation Wells and the Effects on Salinity in Surficial Aquifer Wells; Symons Grove, DeSoto County, Florida

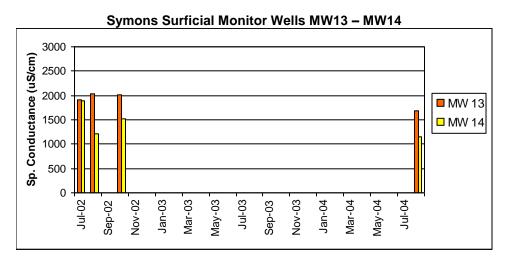
A project study was initiated to determine whether successful back-plugging of deep irrigation wells would induce a subsequent decrease of salinity in shallow groundwater beneath a large, irrigated citrus grove in the Prairie Creek watershed (WBID 1962). In 2001, District staff back-plugged borehole intervals for three deep irrigation wells penetrating the Upper Floridan aquifer. Following these procedures, results of test pumping for these wells indicated a combined average of nearly 60 percent reduction in specific conductance from pre-existing conditions.

In 2002, 14 shallow monitor wells ranging in depth from about 12 to 20 feet were installed across the 450 acre property and configured for sampling at the water table. Two years later, 2004 monitoring results indicated shallow groundwater specific conductance had decreased overall on average nearly 25 percent from initial conditions. The following graphs show lower specific conductance values observed in the surficial aquifer wells in 2004 when compared to the 2002 time period. These lower values are believed to be the direct result of significantly improved quality in irrigation waters presently used at the grove. The study is ongoing, and beginning in 2007 the wells will be sampled on a quarterly frequency.









The following are project summaries of completed District cooperatively funded agricultural research initiatives to develop and implement BMPs in the SPJC watersheds:

Effects of Micro-Sprinkler Irrigation Coverage on Citrus Irrigation Management and Water Use

Peace River Basin, Water Supply (90 percent), Water Quality (10 percent)

Cooperator: University of Florida; Project Complete.

More than 300,000 acres of citrus are permitted within the Peace River Basin with most under micro-irrigation. Micro-irrigation efficiently supplies water to a tree's primary root mass and can significantly decrease water use. The project will assist improvements to irrigation systems design and management that will help growers conserve water in an area of water resource concerns. The amount of water saved will depend on the implementation of management practices and area of crop production, which may periodically change with conditions of market and weather.

Reduce Winter/Fall Citrus Irrigation

Peace River Basin, Water Supply (80 percent), Water Quality (20 percent)

Cooperator: University of Florida; Project Complete.

Studies in Japan and Israel have indicated that timely water restriction to citrus trees will optimize fruit quality and result in water savings. The intent of this project is to study effects of limited water use by mature citrus during the fall and winter months for this region. The project will assist growers to conserve water in an area of water resource concerns. The amount of water saved will depend on the implementation of management practices and area of crop production, which may periodically change with conditions of market and weather.

Determining Water Use during Production of Select Tropical Foliage Plants

Peace River Basin, Water Supply (85 percent), Water Quality (15 percent)

Cooperator: University of Florida; Project Complete.

Commercial greenhouse foliage crop production often involves high plant densities coupled with increased irrigation and fertilizer rates. Because of this, groundwater and stormwater runoff contamination from greenhouse production operations often occur. The project should be useful to more accurately determine evapotranspiration rates of several commonly grown foliage plants under commercial greenhouse conditions. Information will be used to assist growers in reducing water use and fertilizer losses.

Blueberry Grower Irrigation Best Management Practices Demonstration

Peace River Basin partner funding, Water Supply (100 percent)

Cooperator: University of Florida; Project Complete.

Blueberry production is trending upwards of approximate 400 percent by year 2008 due to conversion from citrus or other crops. Field conditions require pH amended (acidic) soils that are comprised mainly of tree bark mixed into the upper soil layer of a raised or mounded planting bed. Relatively little is known of water holding capacity, bulk density, and other characteristics of bark amended soils commonly in use. The demonstration project will function under actual field growing conditions and explore variations in management approaches to improve irrigation practices and update grower information.

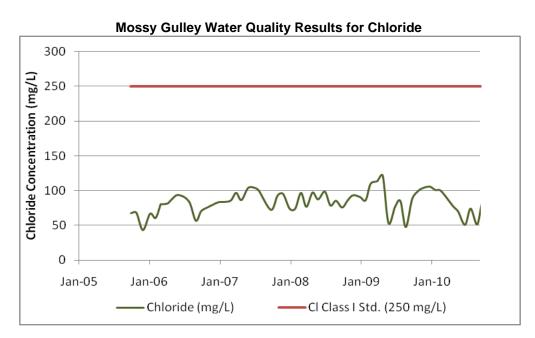
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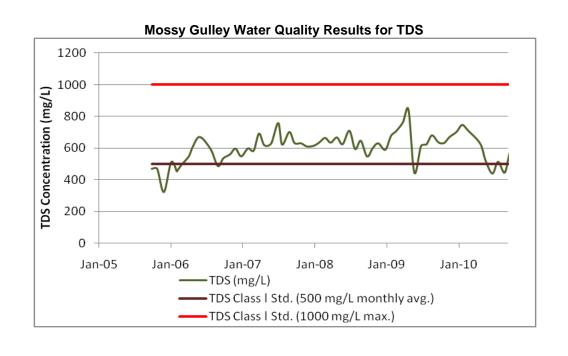
Appendix I

Water Quality Results from In-Stream Data Collection for Specific Conductance at "Non-Key" Monitoring Locations

WBID 1962

Water Segment - Prairie Creek Prairie Creek Watershed

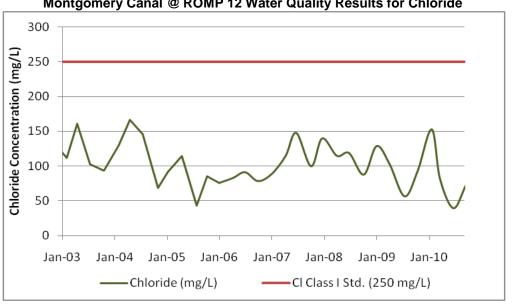


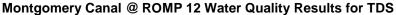


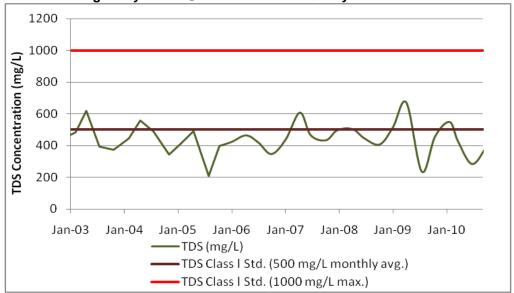
WBID 1962

Water Segment - Prairie Creek Prairie Creek Watershed

Montgomery Canal @ ROMP 12 Water Quality Results for Chloride



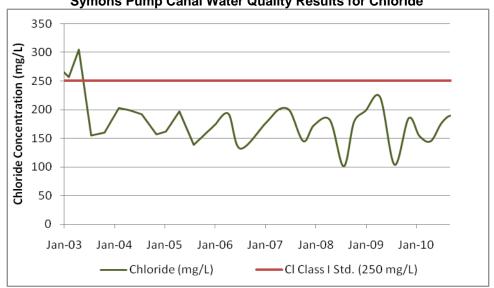


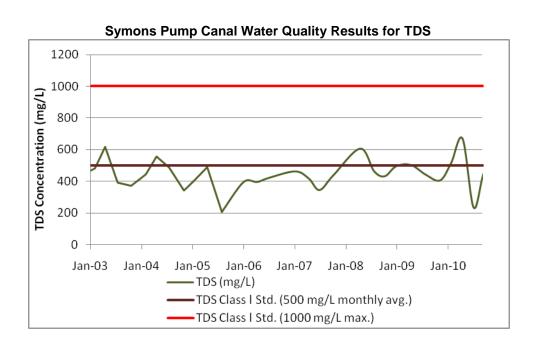


WBID 1962

Water Segment - Prairie Creek Prairie Creek Watershed

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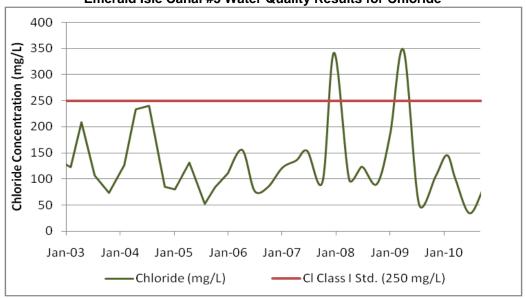




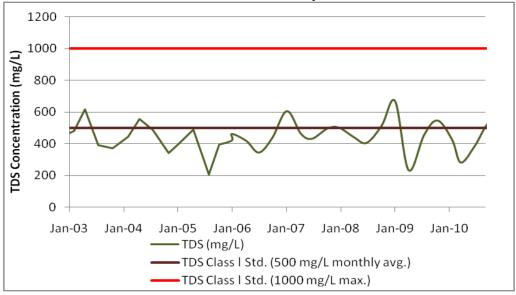
WBID 1964

Water Segment – Cow Slough Prairie Creek Watershed

Emerald Isle Canal #5 Water Quality Results for Chloride



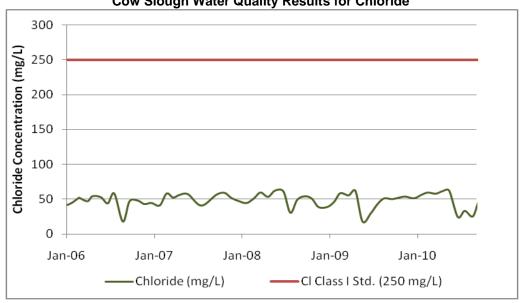




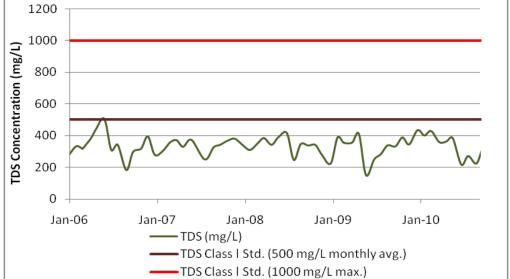
WBID 1964

Water Segment - Cow Slough Prairie Creek Watershed

Cow Slough Water Quality Results for Chloride



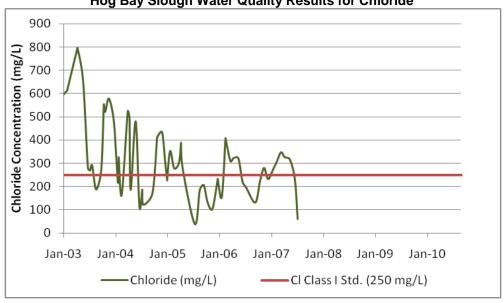


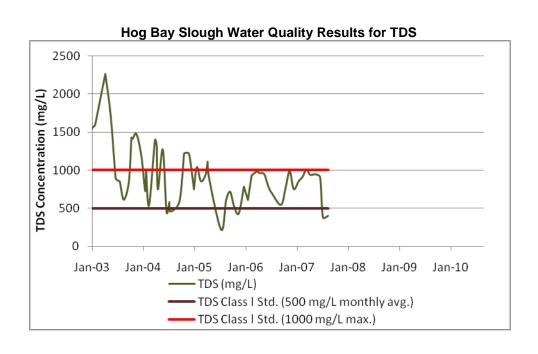


WBID 2001

Water Segment – Hog Bay Joshua Creek Watershed

Hog Bay Slough Water Quality Results for Chloride





Special Conditions Applied to Water Use Permits Located in the SPJC Watersheds

Shell and Prairie Creek Watershed - Special Condition

The District has determined that direct and indirect run-off of irrigation water into Shell Creek and Prairie Creek have contributed to water quality degradation in a Class I waterway that serves as a public supply source for an existing legal water user, the City of Punta Gorda. Degradation of the City's reservoir has occurred to such an extent that the concentration of several constituents has exceeded secondary drinking water standards in the past. To avoid further degradation of the reservoir and to improve water quality, such that it is consistent with Class I water quality standards, the Permittee shall continue to improve the management of irrigation water by reducing or eliminating off-site discharge of lower quality irrigation water. At the time of issuance of this permit the District is addressing off-site discharge and attempting to resolve the aforementioned adverse impacts through cooperative and collaborative measures with Permittees, changes in irrigation management practices, and other methods. If the effectiveness of these measures is determined to be insufficient to resolve these adverse impacts and irrigation management practices on this site appear to contribute to these continued impacts, the District may seek to modify this permit in accordance with applicable law.

Joshua Creek Watershed - Special Condition

This specific permit is issued with the understanding that the Permittee shall implement Best Management Practices (BMPs), which will result in elimination of off-site discharge of lower quality irrigation water to the greatest extent practicable. This is required to avoid contribution by this permitted site to the water quality degradation and potential impairment of surface waters within the Joshua Creek watershed.

Special Well Construction Stipulations - For Wells Located in the Shell, Prairie and Joshua Creek Watersheds

Stipulation No. 31 - Special Well Construction

The Permittee shall construct the proposed well according to the surface diameter and casing depth specifications below. The casing depth specified is to prevent the unauthorized interchange of water between different water bearing zones. The total depth listed below is an estimate, based on best available information, of the depth at which high producing zones are encountered and which poor water quality should not be encountered. However, since this well is located in an area where water quality can be poor, it is the Permittee's responsibility to have the water in the well sampled during well construction, before reaching the estimated maximum total depth. Such sampling is necessary to ensure that the well does not encounter water of a quality that cannot be utilized by the Permittee, and to ensure that withdrawals from the well will not cause salt-water intrusion.

District	Permittee	Surface	Minimum	Maximum
ID No. ID No.	Diameter	Diameter	Casing Depth	Total Depth
XX	XX	X inches	XX feet	XX feet

- a. Regardless of the maximum depth specified above, drilling shall cease when the specific conductance of the ground water reaches 1,000 uS/cm.
- b. The casing shall be continuous from land surface to the minimum depth stated above.
- c. All well casing (including liners and/or pipe) must be sealed to the depth specified above.
- d. The proposed well(s) shall be constructed of materials that are resistant to degradation of the casing/grout due to interaction with the water of lesser quality. A minimum grout thickness of two (2) inches is required on wells four (4) inches or more in diameter.
- e. A minimum of twenty (20) feet overlap and two (2) centralizers is required for Public Supply wells, and all wells six (6) inches or more in diameter.
- f. The finished well casing depth shall not vary from these specifications by greater than ten percent unless advance approval is granted by the Regulation Department Director, Resource Regulation, or the Supervisor of the Well Construction Permitting Section in Brooksville.
- g. The finished well total depth shall not exceed the suggested maximum total depth by greater than ten percent unless advance approval is granted by the Regulation Department Director, Resource Regulation, or the Supervisor of the Well Construction Permitting Section in Brooksville.
- h. Advance approval from the Regulation Department Director, Resource Regulation, is necessary should the Permittee propose to change the well location or casing diameter.

The Permittee shall submit a copy of the well completion report to the District Permit Data Section, Records and Data Department within 30 days of well completion.

Appendix III Stipulation No. 41 – Special Well Construction – Water Quality Sampling

a. During drilling of District ID No(s). ___, Permittee ID No(s). ___ water-quality samples shall be collected at intervals of 50 feet or less, from XX feet to a maximum depth of five feet above the bottom of the well. Regardless of the specified sample collection interval, a sample shall be collected from the depth, which corresponds, to five feet above the bottom of the well. Samples shall be collected during reverse air drilling, or other appropriate method with prior approval by the Regulation Department Director, Resource Regulation, which will allow representative samples for each depth to be collected.

Samples shall be analyzed in the field for specific conductance. Reports of the analyses shall be submitted to the District's Permit Data Section, Records and Data Department.

b. Following completion of District ID No(s). ___, Permittee ID No(s). ___, a water-quality sample shall be collected for laboratory analysis. The sample shall be collected during reverse air drilling, or other appropriate method with prior approval by the Regulation Department Director, Resource Regulation, which will allow representative samples to be collected. The sample shall be analyzed by a certified laboratory for chloride, sulfate, and total dissolved solids. The Permittee's sampling procedure shall follow the handling and chain of custody procedures designated by the certified laboratory that will undertake the analysis. Reports of the analyses shall be submitted to the Permit Data Section, Records and Data Department (using District forms) within thirty days of sampling, and shall include the signature of an authorized representative and the certification number of the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services (DHRS) certified laboratory under Environmental Laboratory Certification General Category "1" which undertook the analysis.

Analyses shall be performed according to procedures outlined in the current edition of Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater (American Public Health Association, 1995), or by Methods for Chemical Analyses of Water and Wastes (EPA, 1983).

Detailed Descriptions of FARMS Projects October 2004 – September 2010

WBID 1962

Board Approved FARMS and/or EQIP Projects:

<u>WUP No. 20006765 – Phase I – H516 (FARMS and EQIP funded; property also falls within WBID 1995):</u>

The purpose of the project is to reduce groundwater withdrawals through the construction and operation of a tailwater interception and surface water reservoir system. The project included the excavation of a linear interception trench and feeder ditches, a 20,000 gallon per minute (gpm) surface water collection pump station, two 2,500 gpm irrigation pump stations, including filtration, and piping necessary to connect the tailwater interception and surface water reservoir system to the existing irrigation system. Project has been operational since August, 2006 and has offset an average of 324,080 gpd, or 146 percent of projected offset.

<u>WUP No. 20006765 – Phase II – H516 (FARMS and EQIP funded; property also falls within WBID 1995):</u>

The purpose of the project is to reduce Upper Floridan aquifer withdrawals through the use of an existing 25-acre pond as an irrigation source. FARMS project components consist of two surface water irrigation pump stations, filtration, and the piping necessary to connect the surface water reservoir system to the existing irrigation system. This project has been operational since March, 2009 and has offset an average of 227,954 gpd, or 296 percent of the projected offset.

<u>WUP No. 20006765 – Phase III – H584 (FARMS and EQIP funded; property also falls within WBID 1995):</u>

The purpose of the project is to reduce Upper Floridan aquifer withdrawals through the use of an existing 36-acre reservoir as an irrigation source. FARMS project components consist of a surface water irrigation pump station, filtration, pump controls and the piping necessary to connect the surface water reservoir system to the existing irrigation system. This project has been operational since June, 2010 and has offset an average of 768,967 gpd, or 221 percent of the projected offset.

<u>WUP No. 20008348 – H514</u> (FARMS funded):

The purpose of the project is to reduce groundwater withdrawals through the use of an existing shell pit as a tailwater recovery and surface water collection reservoir. FARMS project components include a surface water pump station, filtration, piping and infrastructure necessary to operate and connect the existing reservoir into the irrigation system. Other project components include the construction of a swale to provide additional tailwater recovery on the farm. This project has been operational since April, 2006. Surface water use has averaged 104,938 gpd since that time, which is 148 percent of the projected groundwater offset.

WUP No. 20009127 - H526 (FARMS funded):

The purpose of the project is to reduce groundwater withdrawals through the installation and operation of three remote soil moisture-monitoring stations. Soil moisture data, collected in the three locations, at three different vertical depths, allows the grower to shorten irrigation events by applying irrigation to the root zone only. Once the necessary moisture content is reached, the onsite manager can determine when to stop irrigating. This type of precision irrigation

management allows for reduced water use, reduced fertilizer leaching, and reduced fuel consumption. This project has been operational since May 2006. The actual offset is averaging 45,796 gpd, which is 294 percent of the projected offset.

WUP No. 20000153 - H547 (FARMS funded):

The purpose of the project is to reduce groundwater withdrawals using a system of solar powered field sensors and radio telemetry to monitor soil moisture and climate conditions at a 15-acre citrus grove within the Prairie Creek watershed (SPJC) in Charlotte County. Field environmental conditions can be monitored and recorded in real-time to enable the grower to optimize irrigation scheduling, improve crop yields and prevent over-watering. This project has been cancelled.

WUP No. 20002386 – H555 (FARMS funded; property also falls within WBID 1964):

The purpose of the project is to reduce ground-water withdrawals from the Upper Floridan aquifer. The reduction in ground-water usage is achieved through the construction and operation of a linear surface-water irrigation reservoir, one surface-water irrigation pump station, filtration, and the mainline piping necessary to connect the reservoir to a more efficient microjet irrigation system. This project became operational in April 2009 and has averaged a groundwater offset of 84,893 gpd, which is 38% of the projected offset.

WUP No. 20002386 – H606 (FARMS funded; property also falls within WBID 1964):

The primary goal of this first phase of a three phase project is to reduce groundwater withdrawals from the Upper Floridan aquifer through the construction and operation of three linear surface water irrigation reservoirs, each with a surface water irrigation pump station and the filtration and the piping necessary to connect the pump stations to the respective existing irrigation systems. The linear reservoirs will be formed by placing adjustable risers within existing drainage culverts and withdrawing water that will be stored within linear, large grove ditches behind the risers. This project is expected to become operational in June 2011 and has a projected groundwater offset of 432,000 gpd.

<u>WUP No. 20003275 – H507</u> (FARMS funded; property also falls within WBIDs 2040 and 2044): The purpose of the project is to reduce groundwater withdrawals from one Upper Floridan aquifer well through the use of two existing in-ground reservoirs as an irrigation source. The project also addresses water quality concerns by reducing the amount of mineralized ground water entering Prairie Creek. FARMS project components included a surface water pump station, the piping and infrastructure necessary to operate and connect the existing reservoirs into the irrigation system, and a pipe to interconnect the two reservoirs in order to maximize the availability of surface water for irrigation. This project has been cancelled.

WBID 1962

FARMS Projects Under Consideration:

WUP No. 20010065:

FARMS staff have discussed the potential to cost-share soil moisture probes and automated pump controls on a citrus grove to reduce ground water withdrawals.

WUP No. 20003069 – H657 (FARMS funded; property also falls within WBID 1995):

This project will involve construction and operation of a 5-acre reservoir to collect tailwater and surface water from the property and surrounding watershed to offset Upper Floridan aquifer groundwater quantities for irrigation and cold protection. FARMS project components consist of

two surface water pump stations, filtration systems, and mainline pipe to connect the surface water pump stations to the existing irrigation system.

WUP No. 20009782 – H648 (FARMS funded; this property also falls within WBID 1995):

The primary goal of the project is to reduce the use of groundwater for irrigation and cold protection by construction of a 5-acre reservoir and operation of surface water control structures and a pump station to be connected to the existing grove irrigation system. Surface water will be used for irrigation and cold protection to the greatest extent practicable for approximately 500 acres of grove area surrounding the reservoir site. FARMS project components consist of reservoir control structures, a stationary surface water pump station with filtration, and mainline pipe to connect the surface water pump station to the existing irrigation system.

WUP No. 20004641 – H594 (FARMS funded; property also falls within WBID 1997):

This project will integrate soil moisture sensors, hydraulic valve controls, and automated pump controls to conserve groundwater. The project area consists of approximately 312 acres of citrus. The primary goal of the project is to reduce Upper Floridan and Intermediate aquifer withdrawals by efficiently controlling irrigation events through the automated operation of pumps and hydraulic valves controlled by soil moisture sensors.

WUP No. 20002665 (property also falls within WBID 1997):

FARMS staff have discussed the potential to cost-share a project to reduce Upper Floridan aquifer withdrawals with surface water. Project components would include the excavation of a reservoir, a surface water pump station, filtration, and pipeline to connect to the existing irrigation system.

WUP No. 20008287 – H546 (property also falls within WBID 1995):

FARMS staff have discussed the potential to cost-share a project to reduce Upper Floridan aquifer withdrawals using a network of solar-powered field sensors and radio telemetry uplinked to the internet to monitor soil moisture and climate conditions for a 240 acre citrus grove.

WBID 2040

Board Approved FARMS and/or EQIP Projects:

WUP No. 20003530 – H504 (FARMS funded: property also falls within WBID 1964):

The purpose of the project is to reduce Upper Floridan aquifer withdrawals through the construction and operation of a 40-acre surface water irrigation reservoir. FARMS components include a surface water irrigation pump station, filtration, and the piping necessary to connect the proposed surface water reservoir system to the existing irrigation system. In addition, the project expands the use of surface water resources through the installation of a second surface water pump station on an existing shell pit, approximately four-acres in size. This second pump station also involved the installation of a pipeline to connect to the irrigation system and is anticipated to reduce groundwater irrigation for approximately 195 acres. Surface water supplies for the shell pit are additionally increased through manual manipulation of existing onsite water control structures. This project is operational and the actual offset is averaging 175,195 gpd, which is 123 percent of the projected offset.

<u>WUP No. 20001759 – H534</u> (FARMS funded; property also falls within WBID 2041 and 2044): The purpose of the project is to reduce Upper Floridan aquifer withdrawals through the use of an existing 12-acre surface water reservoir to irrigate 140 acres of sod. FARMS project components include one pump station, filtration, piping, and infrastructure necessary to connect the reservoir to the sod production area. Construction was complete on this project in August

2008. Surface water use has averaged 134,866 gpd since that time which is 69 percent of the projected offset; however, it should be noted that sod production has been reduced during this time period due to economic conditions.

WUP No. 20010726 – H513 (FARMS and EQIP funded):

The purpose of the project is to reduce groundwater withdrawals through the use of two tailwater recovery and surface water collection reservoirs. FARMS project components include two surface water pump stations, filtration and the infrastructure necessary to operate and connect the reservoirs to a new, more efficient drip irrigation system. This project has been operational since January, 2006. Surface water use has averaged 34,542 gpd, however no groundwater has been used on the site since the system became operational. The low water use is due to averaging the water use over long periods of time that the fields lie fallow in order to avoid common diseases associated with melon production.

<u>WUP No. 20009398 – Phase I – H501 (FARMS funded; property also falls within WBID 2044):</u> The purpose of the project is to increase the use of surface water and irrigation tailwater through the construction of a surface water pump station, filtration, and piping for citrus irrigation. The project also consists of the installation and use of radio controlled pump station controllers to allow for the precise startup and shutdown of all irrigation sources based on data remotely collected by the project's soil moisture probes and weather station. This project has been operational since October 2003. Surface water use as a result of Phase 1 and 2 of this project has averaged 514,107 gpd. This is 284 percent above projected offsets.

WUP No. 20009398 – Phase II – H501 (FARMS funded; property also falls within WBID 2044): The purpose of Phase 2 of this FARMS project is to further increase groundwater savings and irrigation conservation by adding components that compliment the Phase I project infrastructure. The additions include filter element replacement for the six surface water pump stations; pump station auto starts and solenoids to improve the remote start-up and shut-down of all pump stations; five additional soil moisture stations to increase precise irrigation management on additional farm acreage; an interconnecting sub-main pipeline to accommodate increased distribution of irrigation resources, an upgrade to the existing computer system to operate the software necessary to micromanage all irrigation resources, new rain bucket switches to shut off irrigation pumps during rain events, riser boards for existing surface water control structures, and a conductance meter to accurately monitor onsite water quality. This project has been operational since October 2003. Surface water use as a result of Phase 1 and 2 of this project has averaged 514,107 gpd. This is 284 percent above projected offsets.

<u>WUP No. 20009398 – Phase III – H501</u> (FARMS funded; property also falls within WBID 2044): The purpose of the project is to reduce Upper Floridan aquifer withdrawals through the construction and operation of a 68-acre surface water irrigation reservoir, the retrofitting of two surface water irrigation pump stations, and efficiently controlling the irrigation events through the operation of automated pumps controlled by soil moisture probes and rain monitoring devices. This project is expected to become operational in 2011.

<u>WUP No. 20009687 – Phase I – H512 (FARMS and EQIP funded; property also falls within WBID 2041):</u>

The purpose of the first phase of the project was to reduce groundwater withdrawals through the use of surface water from a shell pit on the northern portion of the property. Phase I of the FARMS project funded two surface water withdrawal pump stations, filtration, mainline pipe to connect the northern surface water reservoir to the existing drip irrigation system, and central irrigation control system with soil moisture sensors. Phase I of this project has been operational

since April, 2006. Average surface water use is 578,301 gpd, which is about 87 percent of the projected offset; however, it is 100 percent of the irrigation applied to the site.

<u>WUP No. 20009687 – Phase II – H512</u> (FARMS funded; property also falls within WBID 2041): The purpose of the second phase of the project is to reduce groundwater withdrawals through the use of surface water from an additional shell pit on the southern portion of the property. The second phase of the FARMS project includes additional surface water pumps, filtration and piping to connect the southern reservoir to the existing irrigation system and also to connect the southern irrigation system to the northern irrigation system. Phase II became operational in August 2009. Surface water use has averaged 334,364 gpd, which is 136 percent of the projected offset; however, it is 100 percent of the irrigation applied to the site.

WUP No. 20009052 - H539 (FARMS funded):

The purpose of the project is to reduce Upper Floridan groundwater withdrawals through the use of an existing surface water reservoir and existing grove ditches to irrigate 1,335 acres of a 1,665-acre citrus grove. FARMS project components include two surface water pump stations, filtration, piping, a weather station, culverts with risers, and infrastructure necessary to connect the surface water reservoirs into the existing irrigation system. This project has been operational since January, 2008. Surface water use has averaged 595,851 gpd, which is approximately 41 percent of the projected offset; however, it should be noted that irrigated acreage has been temporarily reduced due to citrus canker.

<u>WUP No. 20003275 - H507</u> (FARMS funded; property also falls within WBIDs 1962 and 2044): The purpose of the project was to reduce groundwater withdrawals from one Upper Floridan aquifer well through the use of two existing in-ground reservoirs as an irrigation source. This project has been cancelled at the cooperator's request.

<u>WUP No. 20009417 – H585</u> (FARMS and EQIP funded; property also falls within WBID 2041): The purpose of the project is to reduce Upper Floridan aquifer groundwater withdrawals through the use of surface water supplies. An existing farm reservoir will be used to accumulate storm runoff and tailwater, which will augment grove irrigation. The proposed project components are a surface water pump station and mainline pipe to the existing grove irrigation system. The project is expected to become operational in May 2012.

WUP No. 20002689 – H593 (FARMS funded; property also falls within WBID 2041):

FARMS staff have discussed the potential to cost-share a project to reduce Upper Floridan aquifer withdrawals with surface water. Project components would include the excavation of a reservoir, a surface water pump station, filtration, and pipeline to connect to the existing irrigation system. The project is expected to become operational in June 2011.

WUP No. 200013096 – H573 (FARMS funded; property also falls within WBID 2041):

The primary goal of the project is to increase the efficiency of irrigation events by installing hydraulic valves that will be controlled by a timer at each irrigation zone, a cut-off switch for the single power unit, and a rain sensor to shut down the system during rainfall events. The project became operational in June 2010.

WUP No. 20002689 – H588 (FARMS funded; property also falls within WBID 2041):

The primary goal of this project is to increase the efficiency of irrigation events to the groves owned and maintained by Bermont Properties by installing hydraulic valves that will be controlled by a timer at each irrigation zone and rain sensors to shut down each zone during rainfall events. FARMS project components will consist of several dozen hydraulically

controlled irrigation valves, five irrigation control stations with rain sensors, and the piping necessary to connect the new valves to the existing irrigation system. This project is expected to become operational in 2012.

WBID 2040

FARMS Projects Under Consideration:

WUP No. 20002588 (property also falls within WBID 2041):

FARMS staff discussed the excavation of a reservoir and use of surface water for sod and row crop irrigation.

WBID 2041

Board Approved FARMS and/or EQIP Projects:

<u>WUP No. 20009687 – Phase I – H512 (FARMS and EQIP funded; property also falls within WBID 2040):</u>

The purpose of the first phase of the project was to reduce groundwater withdrawals through the use of surface water from a shell pit on the northern portion of the property. Phase I of the FARMS project funded two surface water withdrawal pump stations, filtration, mainline pipe to connect the northern surface water reservoir to the existing drip irrigation system, and central irrigation control system with soil moisture sensors. Phase I of this project has been operational since April, 2006. Average surface water use is 578,301 gpd, which is about 87 percent of the projected offset; however, it is 100 percent of the irrigation applied to the site.

<u>WUP No. 20009687 – Phase II – H512</u> (FARMS funded; property also falls within WBID 2040): The purpose of the second phase of the project is to reduce groundwater withdrawals through the use of surface water from an additional shell pit on the southern portion of the property. The second phase of the FARMS project includes additional surface water pumps, filtration and piping to connect the southern reservoir to the existing irrigation system and also to connect the southern irrigation system to the northern irrigation system. Phase II became operational in August 2009. Surface water use has averaged 334,364 gpd, which is 136 percent of the projected offset; however, it is 100 percent of the irrigation applied to the site.

<u>WUP No. 20009476 - Surface Water – H500 (FARMS and EQIP funded; property also falls within WBID 2058):</u>

The purpose of the project is to capture and reuse surface water and irrigation tailwater for citrus irrigation. The project facilitates the withdrawal and use of surface water and irrigation tailwater from drainage areas within the property boundaries. This project has been operational since August 2003. Over the life of the project surface water use has averaged more than 185,797 gpd, which is 137 percent of the projected offset.

<u>WUP No. 20009476 - Electronics – H548 (FARMS funded; property also falls within WBID 2058):</u>

The purpose of this project is to reduce groundwater pumping using a system of solar powered environmental sensors and radio telemetry uplinked to the Internet to optimize irrigation scheduling and prevent over-watering.

<u>WUP No. 20009476 - Phase II of Second Project – H575 (FARMS funded; property also falls within WBID 2058):</u>

The purpose of the project was to reduce Intermediate aquifer withdrawals of highly mineralized groundwater by the alternative use of a large surface water reservoir proposed to irrigate a 668-

acre citrus grove, Project components consisted of three separate pumping stations, controls, filtration, and mainline pipe necessary to connect to the existing grove irrigation system. This project has been cancelled at the request of the cooperator.

WUP No. 20009648 – H508 (FARMS and EQIP funded):

The purpose of the project is to reduce Upper Floridan groundwater withdrawals through the use of a 15-acre tailwater recovery and surface water collection reservoir to irrigate a large variety of organically grown vegetables on a 585-acre farm. FARMS project components include surface water pump stations, filtration, piping for irrigation and water control structures to assist in on-site surface water management. This project has been operational since May 2006. Actual ground water offset has averaged 225,071 gpd, which is 170 percent of the projected offset.

<u>WUP No. 20001759 – H534</u> (FARMS funded; property also falls within WBID 2040 and 2044): The purpose of the project is to reduce Upper Floridan aquifer withdrawals through the use of an existing 12-acre surface water reservoir to irrigate 140 acres of sod. FARMS project components include one pump station, filtration, piping, and infrastructure necessary to connect the reservoir to the sod production area. Construction was complete on this project in August 2008. Surface water use has averaged 134,866 gpd since that time, which is 68 percent of the projected offset; however, it should be noted that sod production has declined significantly during this reporting period as a result of economic conditions.

No WUP Associated with this Project – H563 (FARMS funded; property also falls within WBID 2041B):

The purpose of the project is to improve the quality of water that leaves the 40-acre citrus grove and flows into the Shell Creek reservoir by constructing a surface water pump station, with associated filters and mainline piping, to withdraw water directly from Shell Creek. This project became operational in September 2009. Actual offset has averaged 15,268 gpd, which is 28 percent of the projected offset.

WUP No. 20002689 - H593 (FARMS funded; property also falls within WBID 2040):

FARMS staff have discussed the potential to cost-share a project to reduce Upper Floridan aquifer withdrawals with surface water. Project components would include the excavation of a reservoir, a surface water pump station, filtration, and pipeline to connect to the existing irrigation system. The project is expected to become operational in June 2011.

WUP No. 20002689 - H588 (FARMS funded; property also falls within WBID 2040):

The primary goal of this project is to increase the efficiency of irrigation events to the groves owned and maintained by Bermont Properties by installing hydraulic valves that will be controlled by a timer at each irrigation zone and rain sensors to shut down each zone during rainfall events. FARMS project components will consist of several dozen hydraulically controlled irrigation valves, five irrigation control stations with rain sensors, and the piping necessary to connect the new valves to the existing irrigation system. This project is expected to become operational in 2012.

WUP No. 200013096 – H573 (FARMS funded; property also falls within WBID 2040):

The primary goal of the project is to increase the efficiency of irrigation events by installing hydraulic valves that will be controlled by a timer at each irrigation zone, a cut-off switch for the single power unit, and a rain sensor to shut down the system during rainfall events. The project became operational in June 2010.

WUP No. 20009417 – H585 (FARMS and EQIP funded; property also falls within WBID 2040):

The purpose of the project is to reduce Upper Floridan aquifer groundwater withdrawals through the use of surface water supplies. An existing farm reservoir will be used to accumulate storm runoff and tailwater, which will augment grove irrigation. The proposed project components are a surface water pump station and mainline pipe to the existing grove irrigation system. The project is expected to become operational in May 2012.

WUP No. 20009727 – H581 (FARMS funded; property also falls within WBID 2044):

The purpose of the project is twofold: to reduce surface water withdrawals from the Prairie Creek property; and to reduce Upper Floridan aquifer withdrawals at the Shell Creek property. Both goals are to be accomplished through the installation of solar-powered field sensors and radio telemetry systems that are uplinked to the Internet to monitor citrus grove water requirements and optimize irrigation scheduling. The project is comprised of a weather station at each grove site, with one soil moisture sensor for the Prairie Creek grove, and three sensors at the Shell Creek grove. This project is expected to become operational in January 2012.

WBID 2041

FARMS Projects Under Consideration:

WUP 20002589:

FARMS Staff have been discussing an irrigation system conversion with this grower to improve irrigation efficiency and reduce groundwater use.

WUP No. 20010959:

FARMS Staff discussed the excavation of two to three, five acre reservoirs that might replace the groundwater on site.

WUP No. 20002588 (property also falls within WBID 2040):

FARMS staff discussed the excavation of a reservoir and use of surface water for sod and row crop irrigation.

WBID 2041B

Board Approved FARMS and/or EQIP Projects:

No WUP Associated with this Project – H563 (FARMS funded; property also falls within WBID 2041):

The purpose of the project is to improve the quality of water that leaves the 40-acre citrus grove and flows into the Shell Creek reservoir by constructing a surface water pump station, with associated filters and mainline piping, to withdrawal water directly from Shell Creek. This project became operational in September 2009. Actual offset has averaged 15,268 gpd, which is 28 percent of the projected offset.

WBID 2044

Board Approved FARMS and/or EQIP Projects:

<u>WUP No. 20001759 – H534</u> (FARMS funded; property also falls within WBID 2041 and 2040): The purpose of the project is to reduce Upper Floridan aquifer withdrawals through the use of an existing 12-acre surface water reservoir to irrigate 140 acres of sod. FARMS project components include one pump station, filtration, piping, and infrastructure necessary to connect the reservoir to the sod production area. Construction was complete on this project in August 2008. Surface water use has averaged 134,866 gpd since that time which is 69 percent of the projected offset; however, it should be noted that sod production has been reduced during this time period due to economic conditions.

<u>WUP No. 20009398 – Phase I – H501 (FARMS funded; property also falls within WBID 2040):</u> The purpose of the project is to increase the use of surface water and irrigation tailwater through the construction of a surface water pump station, filtration, and piping for citrus irrigation. The project also consists of the installation and use of radio controlled pump station controllers to allow for the precise startup and shutdown of all irrigation sources based on data remotely collected by the project's soil moisture probes and weather station. This project has been operational since October 2003. Surface water use as a result of Phase 1 and 2 of this project has averaged 514,107 gpd. This is 284 percent above projected offsets.

WUP No. 20009398 – Phase II – H501 (FARMS funded; property also falls within WBID 2040): The purpose of Phase 2 of this FARMS project is to further increase groundwater savings and irrigation conservation by adding components that compliment the Phase I project infrastructure. The additions include filter element replacement for the six surface water pump stations; pump station auto starts and solenoids to improve the remote start-up and shut-down of all pump stations; five additional soil moisture stations to increase precise irrigation management on additional farm acreage; an interconnecting sub-main pipeline to accommodate increased distribution of irrigation resources, an upgrade to the existing computer system to operate the software necessary to micromanage all irrigation resources, new rain bucket switches to shut off irrigation pumps during rain events, riser boards for existing surface water control structures, and a conductance meter to accurately monitor onsite water quality. This project has been operational since October 2003. Surface water use as a result of Phase 1 and 2 of this project has averaged 514,107 gpd. This is 284 percent above projected offsets.

<u>WUP No. 20009398 – Phase III – H501</u> (FARMS funded; property also falls within WBID 204): The purpose of the project is to reduce Upper Floridan aquifer withdrawals through the construction and operation of a 68-acre surface water irrigation reservoir, the retrofitting of two surface water irrigation pump stations, and efficiently controlling the irrigation events through the operation of automated pumps controlled by soil moisture probes and rain monitoring devices. This project is expected to become operational in 2011.

<u>WUP No. 20003275 - H507</u> (FARMS funded; property also falls within WBIDs 1962 and 2040): The purpose of the project was to reduce groundwater withdrawals from one Upper Floridan aquifer well through the use of two existing in ground reservoirs as an irrigation source. This project has been cancelled at the cooperator's request.

WUP No. 20009727 – H581 (FARMS funded; property also falls within WBID 2041):

The purpose of the project is twofold: to reduce surface water withdrawals from the Prairie Creek property; and to reduce Upper Floridan aquifer withdrawals at the Shell Creek property. Both goals are be accomplished through the installation of solar-powered field sensors and radio telemetry systems that are uplinked to the Internet to monitor citrus grove water requirements and optimize irrigation scheduling. The project is comprised of a weather station at each grove site, with one soil moisture sensor for the Prairie Creek grove, and three sensors at the Shell Creek grove. This project is expected to become operational in January 2012.

WBID 2044

FARMS Projects Under Consideration:

There were no potential FARMS projects under consideration during this period that did not become Board Approved projects.

WBID 2058

Board Approved FARMS and/or EQIP Projects:

<u>WUP No. 20009476 - Surface Water – H500 (FARMS and EQIP funded; property also falls within WBID 2041):</u>

The purpose of the project is to capture and reuse surface water and irrigation tailwater for citrus irrigation. The project facilitates the withdrawal and use of surface water and irrigation tailwater from drainage areas within the property boundaries. This project has been operational since August 2003. Over the life of the project surface water use has averaged more than 185,797 gpd, which is 137 percent of the projected offset.

<u>WUP No. 20009476 - Electronics – H548 (FARMS funded; property also falls within WBID 2041):</u>

The purpose of this project is to reduce groundwater pumping using a system of solar powered environmental sensors and radio telemetry uplinked to the Internet to optimize irrigation scheduling and prevent over-watering. This project became operational in June 2008.

<u>WUP No. 20009476 - Phase II of Second Project – H575 (FARMS funded; property also falls within WBID 2041):</u>

The purpose of the project was to reduce Intermediate aquifer withdrawals of highly mineralized groundwater by the alternative use of a large surface water reservoir proposed to irrigate a 668-acre citrus grove, Project components consisted of three separate pumping stations, controls, filtration, and mainline pipe necessary to connect to the existing grove irrigation system. This project has been cancelled at the request of the cooperator.

WBID 2058

FARMS Projects Under Consideration:

There were no potential FARMS projects under consideration during this period that did not become Board Approved projects.

WBID 1964

Board Approved FARMS and/or EQIP Projects:

WUP No. 20002386 - H555 (FARMS funded; property also falls within WBID 1962):

The purpose of the project is to reduce ground-water withdrawals from the Upper Floridan aquifer. The reduction in ground-water usage is achieved through the construction and operation of a linear surface-water irrigation reservoir, one surface-water irrigation pump station, filtration, and the mainline piping necessary to connect the reservoir to a more efficient microjet irrigation system. This project became operational in April 2009 and has averaged a groundwater offset of 84,893 gpd, which is 38% of the projected offset.

WUP No. 20002386 - H606 (FARMS funded; property also falls within WBID 1962):

The primary goal of this first phase of a three phase project is to reduce groundwater withdrawals from the Upper Floridan aquifer through the construction and operation of three linear surface water irrigation reservoirs, each with a surface water irrigation pump station and the filtration and the piping necessary to connect the pump stations to the respective existing irrigation systems. The linear reservoirs will be formed by placing adjustable risers within existing drainage culverts and withdrawing water that will be stored within linear, large grove ditches behind the risers. This project is expected to become operational in June 2011 and has a projected groundwater offset of 432,000 gpd.

WUP No. 20003530 - H504 (FARMS funded; property also falls within WBID 2040):

The purpose of the project is to reduce Upper Floridan aquifer withdrawals through the construction and operation of a 40-acre surface water irrigation reservoir. FARMS components include a surface water irrigation pump station, filtration, and the piping necessary to connect the proposed surface water reservoir system to the existing irrigation system. In addition, the project expands the use of surface water resources through the installation of a second surface water pump station on an existing shell pit, approximately four-acres in size. This second pump station also involved the installation of a pipeline to connect to the irrigation system and is anticipated to reduce groundwater irrigation for approximately 195 acres. Surface water supplies for the shell pit are additionally increased through manual manipulation of existing onsite water control structures. This project is operational and the actual offset is averaging 175,195 gpd, which is 123 percent of the projected offset.

WBID 1964

FARMS Projects Under Consideration:

WUP No. 20006872:

FARMS staff are discussing groundwater offset projects for a citrus grove, focusing primarily on the potential for development of a surface water reservoir.

WBID 1995

Board Approved FARMS and/or EQIP Projects:

WUP No. 20012818 - H556 (FARMS funded):

The purpose of the project is to reduce Upper Floridan aquifer withdrawals through the creation of a two-acre reservoir within an existing storm water and tailwater retention area. The project also includes the construction of a surface water irrigation pump station, filtration, and the piping necessary to connect the proposed surface water reservoir system to the existing irrigation system. This project began operation in December, 2008. Surface water use has averaged 252,667 gpd since operation began, which is 256 percent of the projected offset.

<u>WUP 20002418, 20012818, 20009716 – H560</u> (FARMS funded; property also falls within WBIDs 1997 and 2001):

The purpose of the project is to further reduce Upper Floridan aquifer withdrawals and overall water use on three existing blueberry farms through an integrated irrigation system that includes two weather stations, soil moisture sensors, and automated pump controls for the three Upper Floridan wells to reduce the number and duration of irrigation events. The project involves Farm 4 in the Hog Bay Slough watershed of Joshua Creek, Farm 5 in the Hawthorne Creek watershed of Joshua Creek, and Farm 6 in the Myrtle Slough Watershed of Prairie Creek. All three farms are within five miles of one another. This project became operational in February 2010.

<u>WUP No. 20006765 – Phase I – H516 (FARMS and EQIP funded; property also falls within WBID 1962):</u>

The purpose of the project is to reduce groundwater withdrawals through the construction and operation of a tailwater interception and surface water reservoir system. The project included the excavation of a linear interception trench and feeder ditches, a 20,000 gallon per minute (gpm) surface water collection pump station, two 2,500 gpm irrigation pump stations, including filtration, and piping necessary to connect the tailwater interception and surface water reservoir system to the existing irrigation system. Project has been operational since August, 2006 and has offset an average of 324,080 gpd, or 146 percent of projected offset.

<u>WUP No. 20006765 – Phase II – H516 (FARMS and EQIP funded; property also falls within WBID 1962):</u>

The purpose of the project is to reduce Upper Floridan aquifer withdrawals through the use of an existing 25-acre pond as an irrigation source. FARMS project components consist of two surface water irrigation pump stations, filtration, and the piping necessary to connect the surface water reservoir system to the existing irrigation system. This project has been operational since March, 2009 and has offset an average of 227,954 gpd, or 296 percent of the projected offset.

<u>WUP No. 20006765 – Phase III – H584 (FARMS and EQIP funded; property also falls within WBID 1962):</u>

The purpose of the project is to reduce Upper Floridan aquifer withdrawals through the use of an existing 36-acre reservoir as an irrigation source. FARMS project components consist of a surface water irrigation pump station, filtration, pump controls and the piping necessary to connect the surface water reservoir system to the existing irrigation system. This project has been operational since June, 2010 and has offset an average of 768,967 gpd, or 221 percent of the projected offset.

WBID 1995

FARMS Projects Under Consideration:

WUP No. 20008287 - H546:

The purpose of the project is to reduce Upper Floridan aquifer withdrawals through the installation of a solar-powered field sensor and radio telemetry system uplinked to the Internet to monitor irrigation requirements for two citrus groves and optimize irrigation scheduling. The project is comprised of a weather station at both grove sites, with three soil moisture sensors for the Desoto County grove, and one soil moisture sensor for the Hardee County grove. The contract for this project is being developed at this time.

<u>WUP No. 20003069 – H657 (property also falls within WBID 1962):</u>

FARMS staff have discussed the excavation of a reservoir and use of surface water for citrus grove irrigation.

WUP No. 20009782 - H648 (this property also falls within WBID 1962):

FARMS staff have discussed the excavation of a reservoir and use of surface water for citrus grove irrigation.

WBID 1974

Board Approved FARMS and/or EQIP Projects:

WUP No. 20001391 – H570 (FARMS and EQIP funding):

The purpose of the project is to reduce Upper Floridan aquifer withdrawals through the creation of a one-acre reservoir. The project includes the construction of a surface water irrigation pump station, filtration, and the piping necessary to connect the proposed surface water reservoir system to the existing irrigation system. This project became operational in December 2009 and surface water use has averaged 41,811 gpd, which is 86 percent of the projected offset.

WBID 1997

Board Approved FARMS and/or EQIP Projects:

<u>WUP 20002418, 20012818, 20009716 – H560</u> (this property also falls within WBIDs 1995 and 2001):

The purpose of the project is to further reduce Upper Floridan aquifer withdrawals and overall water use on three existing blueberry farms through an integrated irrigation system that includes two weather stations, soil moisture sensors, and automated pump controls for the three Upper Floridan wells to reduce the number and duration of irrigation events. The project involves Farm 4 in the Hog Bay Slough watershed of Joshua Creek, Farm 5 in the Hawthorne Creek watershed of Joshua Creek, and Farm 6 in the Myrtle Slough Watershed of Prairie Creek. All three farms are within five miles of one another. This project became operational in February 2010.

WUP No. 20002418 – H522 (FARMS funded; property also falls within WBIDs 2001):

The purpose of the project is to reduce Upper Floridan aquifer withdrawals through the construction and operation of a surface water irrigation reservoir. FARMS components include a surface water irrigation pump station, filtration, and the piping necessary to connect the surface water reservoir system to the existing irrigation system. The project also addresses water quality concerns by reducing the amount of mineralized ground water entering Joshua Creek. This project has been operational since May, 2008. Surface water use averaged 65,816 gpd since that time, which is 131 percent of the projected offset.

WUP No. 200013225 – H557 (FARMS and EQIP funded):

The primary goal of this project is to replace the permitted Upper Floridan aquifer withdrawal through the use of two surface water reservoirs and the construction of two surface water irrigation pump stations, filtration, and the piping necessary to connect the proposed surface water reservoirs to the existing irrigation system. This project became operational in January 2010. Surface water use has averaged 68,924 gpd since that time, which is 54 percent of the projected offset; however, it should be noted that the sod production on this farm has been less than expected due to economic conditions.

WBID 1997

FARMS Projects Under Consideration:

WUP No. 200004641 - H594 (property also falls within WBID 1962):

FARMS staff have discussed potential projects with this property owner that could potentially offset 32,000 gpd of groundwater currently used for citrus irrigation.

WUP No. 20002665 (property also falls within WBID 1962):

FARMS staff have discussed the potential to cost-share a project to reduce Upper Floridan aquifer withdrawals with surface water. Project components would include the excavation of a reservoir, a surface water pump station, filtration, and pipeline to connect to the existing irrigation system.

WBID 2001

Board Approved FARMS and/or EQIP Projects:

WUP No. 20006669 Phase I - H505 (FARMS funded):

The primary goal of this project is to reduce groundwater withdrawals on a citrus grove through the use of surface water from an existing storm water collection reservoir. Project components include a surface water pump station, filtration, piping and the infrastructure necessary to operate and connect the existing reservoir into the irrigation system. This project has been operational since April 2006 and has an average ground water offset of 70,049 gpd, which is 41 percent of the projected offset.

WUP No. 20006669 - Phase II + Culverts - H569 (FARMS and EQIP funded):

The purpose of the project is to reduce the withdrawal of mineralized groundwater through the construction and operation of a five acre surface water irrigation reservoir. The reduction in groundwater use will benefit the Joshua Creek Watershed by reducing the quantity of marginal quality groundwater entering the creek. FARMS project components consist of one surface water irrigation pump station, filtration, and the piping necessary to connect the proposed surface water reservoir system to the existing irrigation system. This project has been operational since March, 2010 and has an average groundwater offset of 192,070 gpd, which is 105 percent of the projected offset.

WUP No. 20009716 (FARMS and EQIP funded):

The purpose of the project is to reduce mineralized groundwater withdrawals through the use of surface water from an existing storm water collection reservoir. FARMS project components include two surface water irrigation pumps, filtration, piping and infrastructure necessary to operate and connect the existing reservoir into the irrigation system. The project also increases irrigation efficiency through the use of an innovative, real-time irrigation control system. The system employs automated pump controls, soil moisture and weather monitoring devices to reduce overall irrigation and extend surface water resources. This project has been operational since September 2006. Surface water use has averaged 127,950 gpd since that time, which is 180 percent of the projected offset.

WUP No. 20002418 (FARMS and EQIP funded, property also falls within WBIDs 1997):

The purpose of the project is to reduce Upper Floridan aquifer withdrawals through the construction and operation of a surface water irrigation reservoir. FARMS components include a surface water irrigation pump station, filtration, and the piping necessary to connect the surface water reservoir system to the existing irrigation system. The project also addresses water quality concerns by reducing the amount of mineralized ground water entering Joshua Creek. This project has been operational since May, 2008. Surface water use averaged 65,816 gpd since that time, which is 131 percent of the projected offset.

WUP 20002418, 20012818, 20009716 (property also falls within WBIDs 1995 and 1997):

The purpose of the project is to further reduce Upper Floridan aquifer withdrawals and overall water use on three existing blueberry farms through an integrated irrigation system that includes two weather stations, soil moisture sensors, and automated pump controls for the three Upper Floridan wells to reduce the number and duration of irrigation events. The project involves Farm 4 in the Hog Bay Slough watershed of Joshua Creek, Farm 5 in the Hawthorne Creek watershed of Joshua Creek, and Farm 6 in the Myrtle Slough Watershed of Prairie Creek. All three farms are within five miles of one another. This project became operational in February 2010.

Appendix V

Media Coverage (October 2004 – September 2010)

Title Outlet **Date** Southwest Florida WMD Report FloridAgriculture 07/2006 District approves project that could reduce 09/2006 **SWFWMD Press Release** groundwater pumping up to 197,000 gallons per day PRVCGA Citrus Grower Vol 13. No. 10/2006 Mini-FARMS Cost Share Funding 10 PRVCGA Citrus Grower Vol 13. No. SWFWMD Well Back-Plugging Program 12/2006 12 FARMS Program InTheField Magazine 12/2006 FARMS Program Expanding PRVCGA Citrus Grower Vol 14, No. 2 12/2007 Ag Reservoirs Confused With Dirt Mining PRVCGA Citrus Grower Vol 14, No. 3 03/2007 Disturbing the Peace Charlotte Sun, Supplement 04/2007 Changing to Surface Irrigation? PRVCGA Citrus Grower Vol 14, No. 7 07/2007 SWFWMD Well Back-Plugging Program PRVCGA Citrus Grower Vol 14, No. 7 07/2007 Fertilizer laws needed to limit runoff into water Charlotte Sun 11/2007 Growers Worry About Water Supplies Charlotte Sun 11/2007 Project's final phase will continue to reduce Charlotte Sun 02/2008 groundwater pumping in Charlotte County Irrigation program will benefit from county Charlotte Sun. editorial 03/2008 cooperation To Restore Peace, Water Is Needed Tampa Tribune 05/2008 FARMS Program: A Progressive Approach to Water Florida Citrus Mutual, Triangle 08/2008 "State Eyeing Charlotte's Water Quality" Sun-Herald.com 03/2005 Peace Rv. Valley Citrus Growers "BMP Kick-Off" 06/2005 Assoc. Newsletter "Peace Rv. Basin Board Sets Proposed Millage Sun-Herald.com 06/2005 Rate" 06/2005 "Tree Health and Salinity" Triangle (Florida Citrus Manual) Peace Rv. Valley Citrus Growers "FARMS Cost-Share Program" 07/2005 Assoc. Newsletter Peace Rv. Valley Citrus Growers "SWFWMD's Activities Increase Production" 08/2005 Assoc. Newsletter Peace Rv. Valley Citrus Growers "Citrus Best Management Practices" 09/2005 Assoc. Newsletter "Acronyms you Should get to Know" Florida Agriculture 10/2005 "Shell Creek & Prairie Creek Watersheds Harbor Happenings (Charlotte Harbor Issue 2; Management Plan Stakeholders Signing Ceremony" 2005 NEP) Water Matters; District Newsletter "International Interest in FARMS Program" 09/2005 Peace Rv. Valley Citrus Growers "BMPs - Easy as 1,2,3" Assoc. Newsletter 10/2005 "District Releases \$1 million for FARMS Program" e-Resource 01/2006 "\$1 Million in Grants to Help Farmers, Environment" Sun-Herald 02/2006 (WWSB) ABC - Sarasota "FARMS" 02/2006 "SWFWMD Programs Available to Assist Producers" Florida Lawn Newsletter 05/2006 "SWUCA Plan will Restore Water Resources, Meet Water Matters: District Newsletter 05/2006 Water Needs" Peace Rv. Valley Citrus Growers "Cost-share Funding for BMP Participants" 07/2006 Assoc. Newsletter

"Mini-Farms"	e-Resource	05/2006
"FARMS Activity Summary"	Peace Rv. Valley Citrus Growers Assoc. Newsletter	01/2009
"BMP Tour Teaches Others About Ag Conservation"	Peace Rv. Valley Citrus Growers Assoc. Newsletter	12/2009
"Backplugging Helps Local Growers"	Peace Rv. Valley Citrus Growers Assoc. Newsletter	04/2010
"West Central Florida Water Restoration Action Plan - Report to the Legislature"	Southwest Florida Water Management District	03/2010
"FARMS Project Boosts Economy, Improves Water Quality and Reduces Water Use"	Watermatters	08/2009
"Cost-sharing funding through the FARMS Program helps growers in southwest Florida improve water quality and reduce water use"	Florida Grower	09/2009

Outreach and Education (October 2004 – September 2010) Event

Event	Date
2006 Citrus Expo	August, 2006
SWFWMD Ag Advisory Committee	August, 2006
DeSoto Co. Planning Commission – Ag reservoirs	October, 2006
Florida Blueberry Growers Fall Short Course	October, 2006
2006 Ag Expo	November, 2006
Legislators FARMS Tour	November, 2006
SPJC Stakeholders Meeting	November, 2006
Legislators FARMS Tour	December, 2006
Charlotte Co. ANRAC Meeting	December, 2006
USDA-CREES National Water Conference	January, 2007
PRVCGA Annual Meeting	February, 2007
SWFWMD Ag Advisory Committee	February, 2007
Florida Blueberry Growers Spring Meeting	March, 2007
DeSoto Co. Planning Commission – Ag reservoirs	March, 2007
SPJC Stakeholders Meeting	April, 2007
Florida Chapter, ASABE Annual Conference	May, 2007
Legislators FARMS Tour	May, 2007
SWFWMD Ag Advisory Committee	May, 2007
Charlotte Co. ANRAC Meeting	May, 2007
2007 Florida Industry Annual Conference	June, 2007
2007 Soil & Water Conservation Society Conference	July, 2007
SWFWMD Well Drillers Advisory Committee	July, 2007
2007 Florida Local Environmental Resource Agencies Conference	August, 2007
SWFWMD Ag Advisory Committee	August, 2007
2007 Citrus Expo	August, 2007
Florida Blueberry Growers Fall Short Course	October, 2007
SWFWMD Governing Board Meeting - FARMS Status Report	October, 2007
2007 Ag Expo	November,2007
SPJC Stakeholders Meeting	November,2007
FARMS Interagency Meeting	December, 2007
PRVCGA Annual Meeting	January, 2008
SPJC Stakeholders Meeting	March, 2008
FARMS Interagency Meeting	March, 2008
IFAS Workshop – Water & Nutrients in the Root Zone	May, 2008
Florida Chapter, ASABE Annual Conference	June, 2008
2008 Florida Industry Annual Conference	June, 2007

FARMS Interagency Meeting	July, 2008
FARMS Interagency Meeting	October, 2008
FDACS Fall Interagency Meeting	November, 2008
2008 Ag Expo	November, 2008
2008 Florida Blueberry Growers Fall Meeting	November, 2008
SPJC Stakeholders Meeting	December,2008
Legislative Delegation Meeting (Manatee)	Dec. 2004
Legislative Delegation Meeting (Saratsota)	Dec. 2004
Peace River/Manasota Water Supply Authority Meeting	Dec. 2004
Shell and Prairie Creek RA Plan Signing Ceremony	Dec. 3, 2004
Legislative Delegation Meeting (Charlotte)	Jan. 2005
American Clean Water Foundation	Jan. 2005
EPA SPJC RA Plan Briefing – Atlanta, Ga.	Jan. 31, 2005
CHEC Field Trip to FARMS Projects	Feb. 2005

Manatee Chamber of Commerce Environmental and Legislative Committee	Feb. 2005
Manasota League of Cities	Feb. 2005
FARMS Interagency Team Meeting	Feb. 18, 2005
SPJC Stakeholder Meeting	Mar. 3, 2005
Florida Farm Bureau Legislative Reception	Mar. 29, 2005
District Governing Board	Mar. 29, 2005
IFAS – Balm Research Center Opening	April 1, 2005
CHEC Meeting	April 27, 2005
SWF RPC	May 1, 2005
Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting	May 3, 2005
IFAS Peace River Citrus BMP Kickoff	May 18, 2005
Vegetable BMP Meeting	June 6, 2005
SPJC RA Plan Presented at Fl. Lake Management Society Conference	June 7, 2005
Peace River Basin Board - DEP/EPA Approval Status of SPJC RA Plan	June 10, 2005
Sarasota County Agriculture Council meeting	June 14, 2005
Florida Representatives Field Visit – TRB Groves	June 30, 2005
Flatford Agriculture Meeting - FDACS	July 7, 2005
Australians Visit FARM Project Properties	Jul. 25, 2005
Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting	Aug. 9, 2005
FARMS Interagency Meeting	Aug. 29, 2005
Citrus Expo	Aug. 24, 2005
Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority Meeting	Oct. 27, 2005
Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting	Nov. 9, 2005
SPJC Stakeholder Meeting	Nov. 10, 2005
FARMS Interagency Meeting	Nov. 28, 2005
SPJC RA Plan Presented at Fl. Stormwater Association Conference	Dec. 7, 2005
IFAS Citrus BMP Workshop, Arcadia	Jan. 18, 2005
FDACS Annual Meeting, Tallahassee	Feb 7, 2006
Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting	Feb. 12, 2006
Tampa Bay Wholesale Growers Spring Conference	Feb. 25, 2006
FARMS Interagency Meeting	Feb. 27, 2006
Spring Blueberry Tour	Mar. 7, 2006
Senate Agriculture Meeting	Mar. 8, 2006
FDACS Luncheon – Upper Myakka	Apr. 1, 2006
SPJC Stakeholder Meeting	May 4, 2006
Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting	May 17, 2006
WMDs Coordination Meeting	May 18, 2006
Vegetable and Agronomic Crop BMP Manual Regional Sign-up	Jun. 14, 2006

Cattleman's Annual Conference	Jun. 20, 2006
FARMS Interagency Meeting	October 14,2008
SWFWMD Food Safety Public Meeting	October 8, 2008
Ag Expo – GCREC Balm	October 2009
SWFWMD Agricultural Advisory Committee	February 2009
Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program Reservoirs Seminar	April 2009
IFAS GCREC – Balm Precision Agriculture Seminar	July 2009
Florida Citrus Expo	August 2009
Florida Tomato Institute	September 2009
SWFWMD Agricultural Advisory Committee	November 2009
FAWN Weather School	January 2010
Florida State Fair Breakfast	February 2010
SWFWMD Agricultural Advisory Committee	February 2010
SWFWMD Agricultural Advisory Committee	May 2010
Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association Annual Meeting	February 2009
PRVCGA and Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center BMP Tour	November 2009
Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association Annual Meeting	February 2010
Florida Citrus Expo	August 2010
Agritunity Conference	January 2010
Agritunity Conference	January 2009
FSGA Agritech	August 2009
Florida Blueberry Growers Association Meeting	October 2009
FARMS Interagency Meeting	October 2009
Spring Expo	February 2010
FSGA Agritech	August 2010
Good Agricultural Practices Workshop	February 2010
Hardee County Economic Development Council meeting	June 2010
DeSoto County Planning Commission meeting	February 2008
SPJC Stakeholders meeting	February 2010
SPJC Stakeholders meeting	March 2008
SPJC Stakeholders meeting	June 2009
SPJC Stakeholders meeting	December 2008
Association of Florida Conservation Districts Annual Meeting	July 2010
State of Our Water Conference	November 2008
American Association of Agricultural and Biological Engineers – Florida Section	NOVEITIBET 2000
Annual Meeting	June 2009
American Association of Agricultural and Biological Engineers – Florida Section	
Annual Meeting	June 2010
DeSoto County Farm Bureau	August 2009
Florida Blueberry Growers Association meeting	November 2008
Peace River Basin Board Tour	November 2008
SWFWMD Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting	November 2008
FARMS Interagency Meeting	January 2009
Spring Expo	February 2009
Florida Blueberry Growers Association meeting	March 2009
IFAS Nursery Growers Workshop	April 2009
Prairie River Ranch FARMS Project Tour	May 2009
Farming into the Future Seminar	July 2009
FLM Prairie River Ranch Peace Basin Board Tour	October 2009
Florida Blueberry Growers Association meeting	October 2009
University of Florida Water Institute Symposium	February 2010
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